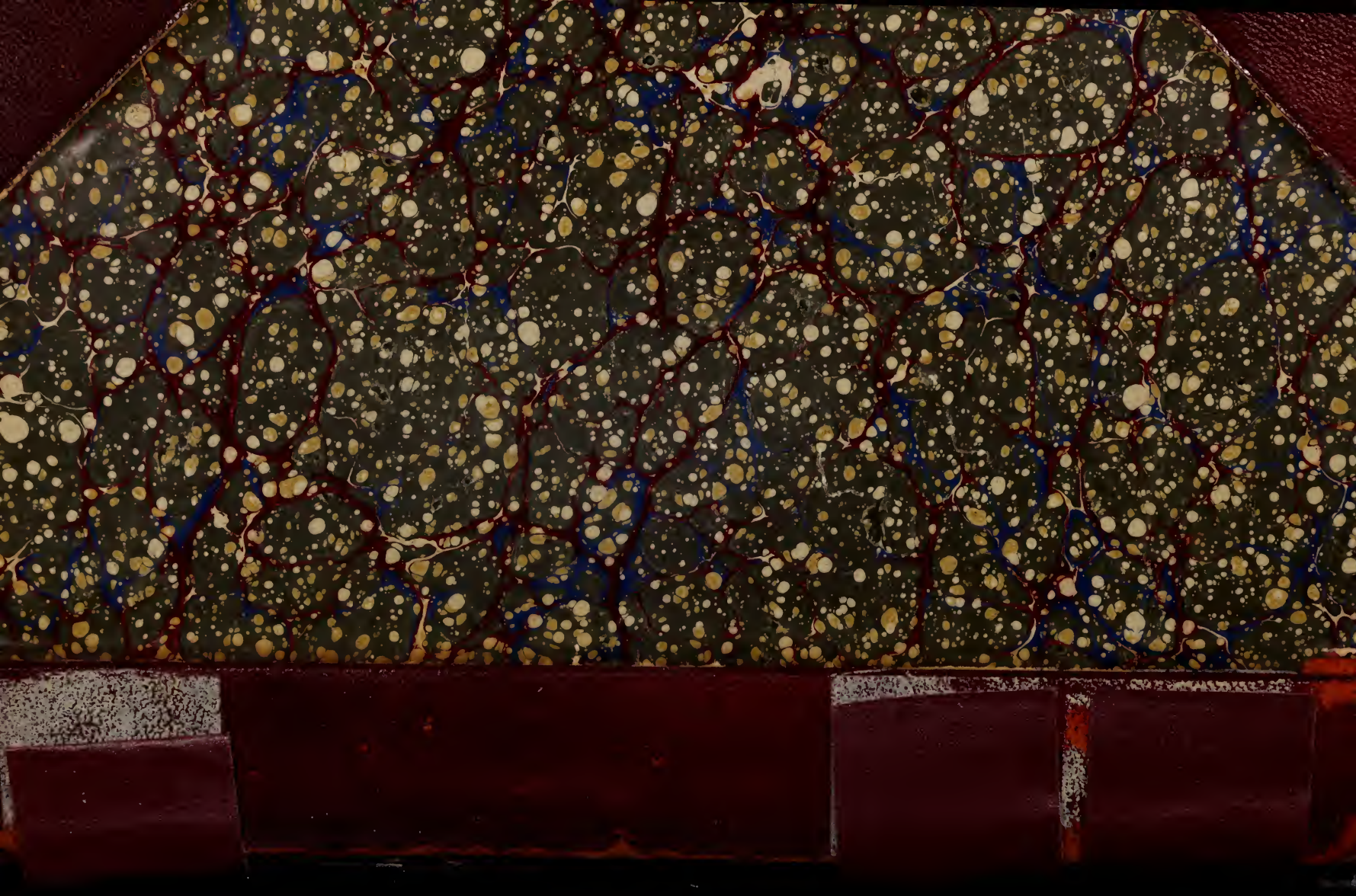

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WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN.

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THE honored, still more the beloved, Rev. John Wells, D.D., like Enoch "was not, for God took him" on the last day of October. He had passed his eighty-eighth birthday. To have been for nearly sixty years the pastor of South Third Street Church, Brooklyn, for nearly forty years president of the Board of Foreign Missions, is enough to say of any man. His portrait on the walls of our Assembly Room will hand down to coming years a reminiscence of the attractive, fatherly presence which ever brought a touch of blessing to the place. Dr. Wells had seated himself for a call in the home of a parishioner. She inquired for his health. "I never felt better in my life." She asked another question but he answered not, for he was "better" than ever in his life.

AS we go to press, a message of sympathy and counsel is cabled from the Board of Foreign Missions to its representatives in Colombia. It is not apprehended that they will suffer personal injury in the present political situation, but their work may easily be embarrassed if not boycotted. Three women only hold Barranquilla Station: Mrs. Ladd, Miss Hunter, Miss Blinka.

CHRISTENDOM is wont to think of Islam as impregnable, with its thrones and kings and two hundred millions of followers, spread abroad in all Asia and Africa. It defies with the sword, promulgates edicts of death, unites in one battle-cry for the "Holy War." If there are walls of adamant anywhere, we say, then here they are, in Islam. But there are evidences that Islam is not so absolutely invulnerable as it is taken for, and the Church of God should know this: her hands, instead of hanging down helplessly, ought to be lifted in unceasing, courageous, believing prayer for the lands overshadowed by Islam.

IN the first place, Islam is not one unbroken stronghold, as many suppose; it is divided into camps and sects. (2) More than half the Mohammedans in the world live under the power or protection of Christian governments. (3) Wherever they are, the messengers of Christ are there, and it is among the facts we know that the words of Jesus prove the same balm to heartache, the same sustenance to heart-hunger, within Islam as everywhere else.

IN a city known to us, fifteen or twenty Moslem women, even fifty upon occasions, assemble regularly in prayer-meeting. In another city, ladies of high rank, upon whom a life of pleasure palls, read the New Testament with joy. Here, a military man believes. There, a servant. A humble man addressing his countrymen says fearlessly: "Your religion is the same heathenism your fathers practiced. They worshiped golden idols, you a stone in your pockets (holy earth from a shrine). They prayed to an image, you to a dead prophet. This is the last word, Come to Jesus who is called Christ." Only a year ago, at the close of a communion service under Mt. Hermon, a Mohammedan present quietly begged that he might carry home a bit of the bread. He dared not eat it in the public meeting, but he would eat it alone and would believe that the Saviour communed with him. No, Islam is a mighty foe to Christ's gospel, but it is not impregnable.

A LURID light is thrown upon the military occupation of Beirût, last summer, by the fact that the soldiers came down from cholera-infected Damascus. Rugs from the same city carried the disease to Ibl, in the mountains.

THE Egyptian Government has instituted a standard of examinations for teachers which will be a stimulus to Beirût Seminary, from which so many girls have graduated into work in Egypt. With great good sense, Domestic Economy is placed on the list of demands.

ADMIRAL COTTON was present at opening exercises of the College in Beirût, Oct. 14, and addressed the students acceptably.

REVISITING Landour, India, after an absence of nineteen years, Mrs. Wyckoff writes that "Woodstock is vastly improved. Was never in a better condition. Several of the girls have met with a change of heart this year and the spiritual life of Christians has been deepened. Mr. Andrews left for America yesterday. His farewell service with the students was very touching."

FROM Chiningchow, Shantung, Mrs. Romig sends the good tidings of church membership "just doubled in the past year." She and dear Mrs. Han teach twenty-five to forty children every Sunday. Mrs. Han explained the text "God is love." "It was very well done. To be sure she may have got all her ideas from Mr. Laughlin's sermon, but it was none the less suited to our little wild youngsters who know so little of love."

REPORTS of baptisms in Canton Mission are most cheering. Rev. A. A. Fulton, with 39 helpers in his field, has baptized 556 adults this year, as against 314 last year.

IN the course of an eight hundred miles' trip in Hunan Province, last summer, about half of it made on foot, Rev. W. H. Lingle discovered considerable spurious work doing, in the name of Christianity. Heathen men had set up chapels bearing the sign "Presbyterian Mission" and, in that name, would appeal to the courts with their lawsuits. Mr. Lingle says that he closed more chapels than he ever opened in his life. The Chinese are keen enough to appropriate terms of the Christian religion whenever there is gain to be squeezed out of them, and, for this reason, Protestant missionaries are careful to avoid interference with courts of justice even in behalf of Christians.

THERE being no such institution as Korean nurses, Dr. Avison of Seoul appealed to Japan about a year ago for two Japanese women to assist him. The response came, just as we should expect, from a Joshi Gakuin girl. Miss Sato, superintendent of nurses in the Red Cross Hospital, Tokyo, in the spirit of her *alma mater* and a missionary spirit, volunteered to go to Korea, and with an associate has since been nursing in the Royal Hospital. Report now comes of the value of the service they have rendered, and not least of its benefits will be the influence of their example upon Korean women. Miss Sato lately declined a fine position in Japan for the sake of continuing her work at Seoul.

ANNUAL Meeting of the Korea Mission was held in September and is called "the best I ever attended." Among the appointments were: Miss Shields to remain in Syen Chun another year, Miss Samuels to the same station, Miss Mary Brown to Seoul, Miss Kirkwood and Mr. Koons to Pyeng Yang, Dr. and Mrs. Null to Taiku. Dr. Eva Field of Seoul is to devote four months among the women of Taiku and Fusan.

KOREAN mothers about Taiku were throwing away their girl babies last summer, because they were starving, and this city is only three days' by horseback from Fusan, the port. The Japanese railway, which is in process of construction between these places, will alter present transportation conditions.

THE Occidental Board is justly encouraged by an advance in her treasury of $1,300 above a year ago.

WOMAN'S WORK is grateful for promptness in renewals early in the autumn, on the part of many. Portland, Oregon, set a good example with a list of thirty-one. You can help us more than you know by promptly renewing.

TWELVE leading Boards are uniting through the Young People's Missionary Movement in a campaign to secure a free-will offering during the approaching Christmas season. They direct attention to the annual immense expenditure for Christmas gifts, and urge that this offering be savored with the salt of sacrifice. Star boxes to be used with or without the Christmas exercise, *His Star in the East*, are sent free to churches and Sunday-schools. Order from Chas. W. Hand, Treas., 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

LARGE demand for picture cards to be used in Sunday-school at Tungchow, Shantung, China. There are sometimes nearly three hundred children present. Send to Mrs. W. F. Seymour.

Our Missionaries in Syria.

[All letters should be addressed "Care Mission Press, Beirût, *via* London and Brindisi."

Mrs. Gerald F. Dale, Jr.,	Beirût.	Miss Rachel E. Toiles,	Beirût.	Miss Ottora Horne,	Sidon.
Mrs. W. W. Eddy,	"	Mrs. Wm. Bird (Abeih),	Lebanon.	Miss M. Louise Law,	"
Dr. Mary Pierson Eddy,	"	Miss Emily G. Bird,	" "	Miss Bernice Hunting,	Tripoli.
Mrs. E. G. Freyer,	"	Mrs. O. J. Hardin (Suk el Ghurb),	"	Miss Harriet N. LaGrange,	"
Mrs. F. E. Hoskins,	"	Mrs. Geo. C. Doolittle (Zahleh),	"	Mrs. F. W. March,	"
Miss Emilia Thomson,	"	Mrs. Wm. Jessup,	" "	Mrs. Wm. S. Nelson,	"
		Mrs. Wm. K. Eddy,	Sidon.		

In this country: Miss Charlotte H. Brown, Manasquan, N. J.; Mrs. Ira Harris, Passaic, N. J.; Mrs. Henry Jessup, care Mr. Chas. W. Hand, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Around the World Series.

XII. Four Days in Old Sidon.

There they were, old castle and causeway—"exactly like the pictures"—as our wobbling *Prince George* rounded into harbor off the breakwater of Sidon. Simultaneously, three boats shot out towards us from the shore. Which was coming for me? The doubt was soon solved, for one was flying Old Glory from its stern, and in it were descried the well-known erect figure and white beard of an alert, young-hearted veteran missionary. The young ladies were waiting on shore and, a laughing, chatting group, we walked up through the quaint market to the gate on the wall, up the stone staircase of Sidon Seminary, into the big *lewan* and—behold! All the school-girls had arranged themselves in a terrace of bright black eyes set in frames of black hair and, as we entered, they burst into an Arabic song of welcome. It had been composed by their teacher, Mr. Daud Kurbân, and overflowed with Oriental imagery and untranslatable flowery phrases. Dr. Samuel Jessup briefly addressed the school in Arabic and, in the midst of it, I heard my name and felt queer and helpless but managed to try to thank the smiling-faced singers for such an unexpected, beautiful welcome, such as only in the Far East they know how to give. The traveler's haunting homesickness fled before it, and it seemed well worth coming 7,600 miles to be in Sidon.

From day to day I came to know the life of that well-ordered school; not showy but useful, solid, happy. It was a pleasure to observe the student spirit of their classrooms, the thorough training in the Bible and in Arabic grammar; the easy relations with their teachers, their superior needlework and drill in housekeeping arts. Most of them are mountain girls and their school life is kept on a suitably simple plane. I would not begrudge them something better than the old backless benches of their dining-room, for I saw with regret that a good many girls had a stoop in the shoulder. Perhaps they would straighten up if they sat on chairs. Miss Brown, Miss Law and myself ate our dainty breakfasts at a small table which commanded the whole room, and while we discussed grapes and sour oranges (from the Seminary garden), *jareesh*, a wheat cereal, *lebeny* from Jedeideh (like Dutch cheese with olive oil, in hard round balls), good bread, home-made butter, eggs, coffee, and honey, a cheerful buzz of Syrian voices arose from all the tables. Eight of the girls, who were there, are daughters of Sidon pupils. About twenty of the older ones, all the Syrian teachers (seven) and servants (two) are members of the evangelical Church. Of above five hundred who have been trained here, fully four-fifths came from Protestant homes, and the school records, though incomplete, mention a hundred and fifty-eight who have been teachers in different parts of Syria or Egypt. Almost all, sooner or later, made homes of their own. Sidon Seminary is penetrated with a sweet, practical Christianity, and many girls have been born into the Christian life there. Within the sphere of its influence are, still, many villages where scarcely a girl can read. From Beirût on the north to Nazareth on the south, a distance of nearly a hundred miles, this is the only evangelical boarding-school for girls. Were its building offered for sale to-day, it would be snapped up by Roman Catholic nuns or Russians.

They gave me the quaintest turret chamber on the roof, to sleep in. It was fit for Elaine and her embroidery frame; in fact, a portion of the house is of mediæval date and was built by the hands of Crusaders. Just one small room, turret-like, on the flat roof. Uncovered wooden beams on edge form the ceiling; glass doors, iron bars and shutters, in place of windows. A paneled door, Syrian fashion, opens upon the landing of the steep flight of stairs by which we came up, and from the landing two more odd stone steps rise to a door, fastened open the year round, through which we pass upon the roof itself. This two-step I practiced every night and paced the roof, back and forth, meditating in the moonlight. Downstairs by daylight, we had a modern school, cares and pleasures were of to-day, people were talking in twentieth century speech, and I would almost forget where I was. But in the silence up on the roof, under the glorious Syrian sky, I was saying to myself: This is *Sidon*. It *is* the ancient Sidon of Genesis, Joshua's "great Sidon." This town once had a big contract for cedar trees, for none had "skill to hew timber like the Sidonians." Off there to the south, a woman in straits made "a little cake first" for the Lord's prophet, and she and her family lost nothing by it, either. Looking down where the foam sparkled on dashing green water, and two crimson lights from the lighthouse tower outlined the picturesque causeway, I would whisper to myself: Yes, these are "the coasts" into which Jesus came. Yes, off there a great missionary left his boat and, with a Roman's polite permission, spent the day on shore among his friends. And the tear-bottles and sarcophagi hidden in this soil are the poor relics of mighty men whose tread here shook the earth. Again and again, I would tear myself away from the witchery of the scene and try to go to bed, but the fascination was too much for me and out I was once more, pacing up and down in the starlight and repeating, This is Sidon. What are men? "They perish, but Thou remainest."

Every morning at four o'clock, I was wakened by the cry of muezzins—two, three, four of them, from minarets in the immediate neighborhood. I would prefer to describe it as a musical call, such as we hear in some cities, Constantinople or Cairo, but at Sidon it was truly rather bawling than music. "Prayer is better than sleep," I would murmur, and straightway doze off into a morning nap from which the school-girls roused me before breakfast, as they came tumbling up to the roof to hang their washing on the line, spilling their Arabic gutturals and half-suppressed giggles as they came.

MOSLEM HOUSE OF PRAYER, WITH DOME, SIDON.

Lady Hester Stanhope contributed to building funds. "Prayer-meeting" yard in foreground. On the right, house of a physician. Seminary buildings in the rear, including stove-pipe. Estimated value of school plant, $17,000.

And what is seen from Sidon roofs by daylight? To the west, an unbroken reach of the blue Mediterranean; on the south, Sarepta Point stretching its long, slender finger of sand northward; craft of various size riding at anchor. Surrounding us, whitewashed domes of many mosques, their

one-galleried minarets also glistening white with lime wash. A rich man's big orange garden with masses of starry jessamine; a large pink-colored house, lately finished for a Moslem girls' school; the Jesuit school; a broad area of the flat roofs of homes, where old women sat gossiping and young mothers walked up and down, carrying a baby and open sun-umbrella. Sidon Seminary garden lay below us with five kinds of orange and lemon trees and one stately date palm crowned with bunches of ripening fruit. With equal ease we looked down into the yard of the nearest mosque. Devout Moslems hold a weekly service there, in warm weather, and the night is dreaded in our school, for the din of it murders sleep. On the roof one hears the harsh voices of women, of children in the unseen streets, the occasional bray of a donkey, a barking dog; but there is no thunder of elevated trains, no whir of machinery smites the ear and, often, the solemn hush of the East envelops the roof and the atmosphere is such as lulls to sleep and dreams.

GERARD INSTITUTE, SIDON, SYRIA.

The girls' school was closer to my heart, but Gerard Institute with its 200 young men and boys, many of them fitting for college, its departments of shoemaking, carpentering, tailoring and the farm, offers more of interest to the general traveler. The Syrian teachers, as a rule, seemed fond of their work and to have a teaching gift. Fortunate were the boys who recited to Mrs. Wood. They were taking in a great deal more than English or geography. Many a Normal School graduate might envy Mrs. Wood her art of educating. She was all over the Institute, looking after sick lads and directing sewing-women in mending the week's load of underwear which had come in from the laundry. It looked an uninviting task.

All the students report for morning prayers at 7:30 and, lining up under the arcade outside, march into the schoolroom in good shape. They sang with gusto and Dr. Ford conducted the service. When, without permission, he introduced the visitor from New York and told them that she would say something which he would interpret, I complied, not simply because I wished to respect the director's request, nor only because I could not well get out of doing so. There and afterwards, wherever in the missions I gave a talk in the presence of Eastern men, I did it for the sake of Eastern women. If my speaking could give an iota of help to the missionary in pointing his lesson of respect for womanhood, or push my Eastern sister one jot forward in the confidence of her husband, and of Christians among her countrymen, I was bound to speak.

Dr. Ford's interpreting was no sooner concluded than a young fellow in the back row, black as an Ethiopian, rose and, to my amazement, made an easy and appropriate reply in English. A Syrian followed with another speech, and so on until five or six, students and teachers, had offered sensible and relevant remarks, all in good English, upon such topics as education, religion, or relations between America and Syria. This characteristically Oriental reception was as purely spontaneous as a spirit-moved Quaker meeting, and it left a vivid impression of Syrian qualities: politeness, self-confidence and intellectual ability.

Fitted out with Mrs. Ford's riding-skirt and Mrs. Wood's easy horse, I rode to the farm. The horse-block from which I mounted "Jerry" was the splendid marble pedestal of a Phœnician column, which the students had hauled into the Institute yard as a feat of strength. Immense labor by many hands has turned profitless land into a fruitful field. At the farm were seen a reservoir, aqueduct, long stone walls, mulberry gardens, vines, grain fields, a goat house with 150 goats. Long before reaching it, our eyes were drawn towards a fine brick building on a hill-top, with yellow-tiled roof, bell-tower and picturesque balconies. This gem of a house was intended for an orphanage. It has not cost the Board a cent. Inside, it is as complete as outside. The *lewan* is marble-floored and each step of the broad staircase is one long fine stone. The whole Presbytery, at its last meeting, slept and did its work in this building.

On the broad crest of the same hill property, facing the healthy, western breezes and glorious sea, is an ideal building site to which it is hoped Gerard Institute may some day be removed, out from the low, damp houses in Sidon streets. If this were done, there would be, for once, a Protestant school occupying as superior a location as the Roman Catholics usually command.

Social visits made in each of the little cluster of missionary homes are delightfully recalled. Apart from all the rest at Sidon, two faces stand out and shine with the light of Heaven for, unawares, its glory was already falling round them. Young, handsome, lovable Mrs. Amy Erdman, instinct with life, beaming with anticipation—how we all admired her and looked for something rare in her service, among the people she had known from her cradle! Mrs. Mary Ford, like Mr. Bird the saint of Abeih, represented the pioneer missionary type—all simplicity, sincerity, the single eye. She had ripened under the sorrows and struggles of more than threescore patient years and one recognized that it would be but a step for her, at any time, to pass into the presence of her Lord. It was sweet to sit with her, sharing her last letter from her son in Africa, while the Gaboon parrot in the next room called out, as if with human intelligence, "Where's Edward? Gone to Gaboon!" One of her pieces of quiet work I saw, a meeting for lowly women, mostly cooks and nurses. Eleven, with their little ones, gathered into her sitting-room. Ever since she left them, the missionaries have not ceased writing how the people loved and honored Mrs. Ford.

One of the ineffaceable impressions left from a visit to Sidon, as to almost any city in the Turkish Empire, is the might of Islam. It seems like a fortress rising round and closing in upon one. You feel it as you count the minarets; as you meet the population of the streets—men with the stamp of Mohammedanism on their faces, lordship in their air; women sheeted in their white *izar*, even the Christian women adopting it for prudential reasons. You see non-Moslems cower under the heel of it, and degraded by it. One evening we witnessed a specimen of Moslem zeal. Call it a prayer-meeting, noticing how unlike it is to that warm hearthstone of the Church. A few *mollahs* take part, listeners stand and look on. No women besides ourselves were present and we had expected merely to peep in at the door, but more than one big Moslem pressed us to accompany our escort inside, and this was taken as a direct compliment to the men of Sidon Station.

Six turbaned men were sitting on the carpet in a row, with something resembling large wooden tambourines in their hands. Six others were standing and clashing cymbal-like instruments. One big turban sat in front, presiding. When all the instruments were in full swing and the twelve performers were wrought up to a creditable degree of perspiration, swaying to and fro and yelling the prayer of Islam; and when, added to their voices, a large outside circle of men forming their *halaka*, rhythmically repeated the name of God as they exhaled and inhaled, making it their very breath, the racket was terrible to our ears. We saw no frothing at the mouth or dropping with exhaustion, as is the case with howling dervishes, but our visit was made early in the evening; what they do by midnight is problematic. A touching sight was a wee, barefoot boy holding a small instrument patterned after his father's, by whose side

he sat and whose motions he proudly and dutifully imitated. If we seek for a symbol of the power of Islam, it is in rites and ablutions, it is in the Koran and the muezzin; far more, it is in that obedient-hearted little lad.

A remarkable scene, which I shall always count one of the peculiar privileges of my journey around the world, was the school for Moslem girls at Sidon, perhaps the largest in all Islam. It originated out of fear and emulation of our modest mission school. That had been attracting more Moslem girls year by year, and keen-eyed Midhat Pasha coming along, about 1880, he visited and praised the American school and--started this in opposition. The head teacher is no less a personage than Ishi, one of the ex-pupils of our Seminary, who was also, for a time, under Miss Taylor's* influence at Beirût. So, one who has had Christian ideals set before her is at the head of this great school of 620 girls. She had nineteen women assisting her. Not a stocking in the school! Ishi herself wore the full, white Turkish trousers, a cotton gown of large-flowered pattern, like a lounge cover, and her hair hung in a childish braid down her neck. Nothing objectionable in this to her patrons. Ishi was in command and her school was under discipline. She is large, fat, with a good-natured and rather shrewd face, and no president of an American college moves with more confident carriage than Ishi in her flapping, heel-less slippers. We were treated with much politeness and heard the girls recite in successive rooms, not in classes but individually. Two days they devote to Turkish embroidery. They are taught a little arithmetic, no geography. They are learning to read; not simply, as in many Moslem schools, to recite committed pages of the Koran but actually to read it, and if to read this, why not any page in Arabic from the Beirût Press? As we were about to take leave, a very small girl was stood up on a desk to recite a speech of welcome. Breaking down in the middle of it, her head drooped in dismay until, our party loudly clapping her, she recovered herself and took her seat as blithely as if she had won a medal.

Sidon schools turned our thoughts to the future, station prayer-meetings directed our eyes toward the future. Among the enormous stones of the vast Phœnician temple ruin, we looked to the buried past. But the time came when I had to face the moving present, for that wobbling vessel which they sarcastically term "the jolly-boat" was back and Beirût-bound, and with it I must go. Mr. Tenney Ford kindly escorted me. Looking backward from the rail, the forms of our friends with their waving handkerchiefs rapidly disappeared, the turret chamber and the orange trees.

Yes, Paul, were you to spend another day in Sidon, you would find friends as true and congenial as in the year 60, A. D. Yes, Jesus is still entering into these coasts. Without His coming, His servants could not endure their years of toil and strain. They look to Him and are lightened. Many there be would face a Mamertine or a Turkish prison for His name. They do His will and wait for His salvation.

* Mission school under independent Scotch Committee.

[End of "Around the World Series," which began November, 1902.]

Accurate Information About Late Troubles in Beirut.

Beirût, Sunday, Sept. 6.—On Friday afternoon the *Brooklyn* and *San Francisco* came steaming over the sea, having made the distance from Genoa in four days and two hours by using a thousand tons of coal, extra. The Consul went on board. Saturday, at 10.30, some twenty-five Americans called upon the Admiral and saw the vessel.

As for the city: Between noon Thursday and noon Saturday there were nine conflicts, resulting in five murders. Today, a number of us went on board to service. Just as we had finished, the dragoman of our consulate came on board, pale and breathless, and said a "massacre" was on in the upper part of the city. He begged for marines to guard the consulate. The Admiral sent officers with the Vice-Consul and dragoman to "drive around the city and report."

We found the city in an electric condition. All the troops had been rushed

up into the southern division of the city, and the streets were deserted. The Press watchman had not come and a porter was holding the fort there. The woman who was cooking for me had fled in terror. I saw patrols of soldiers moving about all day and bands of Moslems with knives and pistols, with rarely a Christian. Rumors are abundant, but sifting them as carefully as possible, there have been either *nine* or *twelve* murders during the day. Threats are freely made of attacking foreigners, in order "to draw the attention of the Powers to the situation!" The city will pass a sleepless night.

F. E. Hoskins.

Sept. 10.—The outward condition is somewhat quieter and a thin crust has formed over the lava sea and on this we walk. Dr. Hoskins and Mr. Freyer stayed in Beirût during the unpleasantness, and I stayed to keep them company and to reassure, if possible, the Christians who have fled across into Mt. Lebanon territory by the tens of thousands.

Admiral Cotton is an ideal man to deal with such affairs.

The condition of the land is deplorable. Corruption and oppression breed discontent. Lax administration allows brigandage and openly conducted feuds. Cholera and fevers sweep off thousands and daily murders only arouse reprisals. We trust that the upheavals going on will humble men and lead them to seek spiritual peace. Many of the Syrian helpers deserve the highest appreciation for their fortitude and commendation for their faithfulness. *W. K. Eddy.*

Sept. 12.—We have good reason to be proud of Admiral Cotton and the Consul and those who supported them in Washington. One cablegram from Washington in cipher cost $400, and it took four officers a day and a half to unlock and verify. The results of the week are five: (1) Waly of Beirût dismissed by *iradé*. (2) Nazim Pasha, one of the best men in the empire, is acting Waly. (3) Chief of Police dismissed. (4) Man who sent garbled account, making light of the attempted assassination, also dismissed. (5) Christian lad falsely charged with firing the shot, released from prison. Sixty-three years ago, Sept. 10, the English bombarded Beirût, and during all those years we have never had such scenes as those of last Sunday. To have such a city transformed into a pandemonium is an insult to civilization. It is pleasant, after Americans have labored seventy-five years to redeem the people of this empire, to have our flag come to preserve safety for Syria.

F. E. Hoskins.

Seeing is Believing—A Traveler's Conversion.

Yesterday, Sunday, I spent among the missions, where I saw the girls of several schools, the inside of the American school, the Christian Endeavor Society of the Scotch Mission, and attended service twice. At nine o'clock I went to the Arabic service; at eleven, to the regular preaching in English. At four, I went to Arabic communion service, where good old Dr. Jessup baptized a pretty baby and took into the fold a number of boys and girls. I have fallen desperately in love with these Syrians. The boys are strikingly handsome and so bright and intelligent. They all have a smile for you, and after church many came and shook our hands and some of them expressed in good English how pleased they were to see us.

I was never so impressed with the unspeakable power, the sweetness and uplifting loveliness of the religion of Christ, as when I looked around at the congregation in the morning. I had the "hearing ear" but not the "understanding heart," as the preaching was of course in Arabic, but I studied the faces about me. There were eleven blind people close to me, their faces radiant with the joy that gave them a light in their darkness. They knew the hymns and joined in them with spirit.

I used to say I would not give to Foreign Missions because I felt that I preferred my charity to go to our needy Home Missions, but yesterday it was borne in upon me that "this I ought to have done and not to have left the other undone"—and I emptied my purse then and there for the first time, but not the last. So that I was converted under the walls of Lebanon and under Syrian skies,

in life's late afternoon, to an ardent admirer of the system which has wrought such marvels.

On our way home a beautiful woman came out of her house as we passed and pressed us to come in for a little rest. She had seen us at the church and one of her boys was of those who took their first communion. The graciousness of her manner was inexpressible, and we were very glad to go inside a Syrian home. It proved that she had been a Bible reader for the British missions for a great many years. Her husband is a teacher of Hebrew in the school, her two perfectly delightful boys are in the preparatory department of the Protestant College, and her little daughter of ten is a sweet, affable child. Their home was plain and simple, quite poor but spotless, and our hostess served us with hot coffee with inimitable grace.

This forenoon we went to the Mission Press and saw all they were doing there, with wonder and surprise, and from there to the American College. We found Dr. Bliss, and he is the dearest old man in the world. He was most gracious and showed us with pride and pleasure the results of his forty years of labor. *Belle W. Gilman.*

Beirût, March 17, 1903.

Two Maronite Schools.

One day last summer we were wakened long before dawn, for this was the day we had planned to visit a village high up on the mountains called "Glory of Living." It is opposite our village of Rishmaiya, which means "Scattering Water." What a walk that was! Down, down we went into the deep, narrow valley, the rosy dawn coming with a rush, the twittering of birds and the fresh dew smells filling the cool, still air. Most likely the jackals who were so noisy every evening resented the sudden finish to their night revels, and were peeping at us from their caves, for their tracks were everywhere fresh. Perhaps among them was the track of the hyena who prowled around our house a few nights later, almost paralyzing a dog by his growls. The sun was almost up by the time our hardest ascent was over.

It would take too long to tell that day's experiences. All the village seemed to be our intimate friends, when we thought we had but one whom we had met once before. We were feasted at thirteen separate houses, and it still makes me unhappy to remember that every consecutive hour of that day we sat before large trays loaded with grapes and figs, being urged to eat "Just a little more, if you really love us." When it ceased to be funny, it began to be dreadful.

Now for the schools. The boys had the best of it—as they are very apt to have in this country—and their schoolroom was the most beautiful place you could imagine, just all outdoors, under a huge oak tree. Think of the biggest tree you have ever seen and (unless you have been to California or the Cedars of Lebanon) you can imagine that oak at "Glory of Living." In a circle on the bare earth, under thick spreading branches, sat more than fifty boys. At one side on a mattress, with two cushions, one for his head another for his arm, reclined the teacher, a large, stout Maronite priest. As we approached he politely rose to meet us, and we had a chatty quarter of an hour with him. "I don't exert myself much," he remarked, pointing to his cushion, "I make the boys do the work," and we noticed the school was broken up in numerous divisions, tutored by the older boys, the smaller ones kneeling before them and reciting in whispers, so as not to disturb the teacher. The priest kept the discipline in his own hands, using a very sharp little switch. There seemed to be no real case for punishment but, evidently to impress us, the whip came down with a sort of rythmical chance on whomever happened to be nearest. Presently an approaching hand revealed an unwilling boy dragged to school by his mother, who delivered him over to the priest saying, "This flesh is yours, only his bones belong to me," which means, "Beat him as much as you like as long as you do not permanently injure him."

You would have been interested to see the boys writing with their reed pens made by themselves, their brass inkhorns carried in their belts. They hold

the papers in their left hands while they write backwards, and if the lines slant up from right to left, it is considered quite the correct thing. Several of the boys read to us in a high, monotonous tone, but it seemed difficult for them to skip about on the page, which was a trifle suspicious. I ventured to bring out some of the little colored Sunday-school lesson cards with which people at home keep me supplied. It was a venture, for the priest might have tabooed them, but instead he seemed pleased when I proposed giving one to each boy, and he added the good suggestion of writing in Arabic, on each card, the subject of the picture. He said he would distribute them later, and of course he may have burned them all up, but I suspect nothing worse than that he waited to choose out the best ones for himself.

The girls' school was in a low, most prosaic house, and we reached it just as all were kneeling in adoration of the Virgin and chanting hymns of praise. It was a little shocking to have the teacher interrupt the service because of our arrival, even as it would have been shocking to listen to the idolatrous worship. This was rather a constrained visit. The teacher knew we were Protestants, the few remaining cards we had were received hesitatingly, and the girls looked askance. The teacher had her training in Beirût with the Sisters of Charity, where the Virgin, as Queen of Heaven and Mother of God, takes the first place in worship.

It would be the nice realization of a dream to have one of our own schools in "Glory of Living;" but better none at all until a first-class teacher can be found, who will not only teach the children well but be a true friend to the older ones, a Christ-man in their midst. (*Mrs. Gerald F., Jr.*) *Mary B. Dale.*

Syrian Thank-Offerings.

Perhaps too often in writing of customs in missionary lands the *outré* is presented. Why, if there is anything worthy or inspiring in the conduct of these people, should we not hear of that also? I believe in every land there are beautiful manners and customs which differ from the conventional etiquette of highly civilized countries, and a better knowledge of these customs might offer some valuable suggestions. In Syria, for instance, we might learn some lessons in giving, especially at those times when our hearts are touched with a sense of gratitude.

I have noticed that Syrian women bestow many gifts to the poor as a thank-offering after the birth of a boy. A neighbor recently had a third son born and gave money to the poor of the neighborhood as freely as after the advent of her first-born. I do not think we have this as a general custom in America, but we might do well to adopt it—and not limit it to the boys!

Another universal custom in the Orient is to give a thank-offering upon recovery from severe illness. I have had, several times, people of most humble circumstances bring me a dollar as a token of gratitude to God for their recovery, with the request that I use it to relieve the suffering of the poor. Last winter a mother returned from the city where an operation had been performed upon her son. She had vowed to the Lord that she would give $5.00 to the poor if her son should live. She is a woman who washes and bakes for her living—and she paid the vow. Another woman in our church vowed to sew for eight days and give the proceeds of her work to the poor, because her son was spared after a very severe illness.

Many a time I have heard of women canvassing their own neighborhood to ask for food from house to house for some starving family, and they are always successful when they go out on such a mission. I know of cases where an entire large vineyard, or a goodly fig orchard, or a grove of olive trees, has been set apart for the Lord—the entire yield of fruit being given to the poor.

Only a few days ago, a Protestant church member who left his city with his family when cholera appeared there, sent back word to have five hundred pounds of flour distributed at his expense to those who were in want.

Very often, after a funeral in Syria, a gathering of fifty or more people who

have come from a distance will be found in the house of mourning. The custom is (except in the case of people of large means), for the neighbors to prepare and send in a quantity of food, that these people may eat without burdening those whom they have come to comfort. We have shared this privilege with our neighbors from time to time.

Syria owes to her American friends a tremendous debt of gratitude for all the generous help she has received in the enlightenment and education of her sons and daughters. I think she heartily appreciates what has been done for her. One evidence of this is that in the majority of cases people of Syria to-day are willing to pay the cost of educating their children. The reflex influence of emigration is good and invariably stimulating.

Faith Jadwin Jessup.

How School Goes at Tripoli.

Special meetings in February were preceded by personal work among the girls by way of preparation. There were no marked results, but the religious spirit of the school was deepened, especially in particular cases. We made a strong effort this year to put "backbone" into our Christian girls—to get them to testify, to witness, to work, and with considerable success. All the Christian girls went out, in turn, to different parts of the city to hold meetings on Thursday afternoon.

In May we had our tree-planting. The occasion was observed by recitation, a poem, a prophecy, etc. We tried to inculcate deep breathing among the girls, this year, and more physical exercise—a run after breakfast (or before) around the playground.

The months before Commencement had for their point of interest that supreme event. Dresses (of simple white cashmere), essays, programme, invitations, preparation for an afternoon of rhetorical exercises by the whole school, a class reception—all took the girls' time and ours. In between, came their boat ride out to an island in the Mediterranean, and return by moonlight, singing. Another day they visited the Press of the *Troblus*, a journal published by a Moslem. These sacred precincts had never been invaded by womankind before. On another occasion they investigated the working of the telegraph, whose operator is a Christian.

On Friday afternoon throughout the year, the whole school found some spot

TRIPOLI SCHOOL-GIRLS AT EXERCISE.

outside of the town where they could recreate; some river bank, or a view from the foot of the castle, of the whole garden plain on which Tripoli is situated, with the harbor beyond and the shipping and the great wide, blue sea. Sometimes in the spring they went down into the valley behind the castle, where the little Kadesha flows, turning numerous millstones. The children would scatter hither and yon, picking flowers.

There were five graduates, of whom three will teach the coming year.

Harriet LaGrange.

"Lord, make me well so I won't have to take this broth. Bless my father and mother and help them to live in peace. Bless my sister Anusi, and give her a boy that her father-in-law's family may love her better. Bless my brother and make him strong so he can teach, and bless my sister Tusbeena and send her a good bridegroom." So prayed little Syrian Zarifie, an honest prayer.

Bible Readers in Syria.

We in Beirût are sometimes asked why the American Mission does not employ Bible women in that city. The answer is, briefly, that Beirût is districted by the well-known British-Syrian Mission. It is felt that the place is sufficiently supplied, and as it is a principle of our mission not to undertake work already satisfactorily done by others, we do not attempt to employ Bible readers of our own in this city. In other places, however, like Zahleh, Sidon, Abeih and Tripoli, such readers are employed by our missionaries and have proved themselves most useful.

I have written this explanation because some of our friends in America have been importuned by Syrians in whom they have become interested to intercede with missionaries, on their behalf, to employ them *in Beirût*. This cannot conveniently be done by our mission, but those who are willing to go anywhere to do the Lord's work can generally find employment. We have often noticed that such individuals who say they cannot leave home and children for some months of the year, for this object, can and do leave them to go to America for months and even for years.

(*Mrs. H. H.*) *Theodosia Jessup.*

In the Swim of Events, as Usual.

You can hardly know how grateful I was to be safely in Syria again. I was happy almost beyond measure during the six months I spent in the United States. Just one thing would have made me happier there, and that is had I been able to see you* all in your various home churches.

And now I have been here five months, busy all the time. Yesterday I preached the sermon for the class of four girls just graduating from Sidon Seminary. They made their addresses in our Assembly Hall three nights ago. The Hall was packed full with something like four hundred people. The class are all sweet Christian girls, and I wish you would give them a special prayer that they may be most useful in the Master's service.

I have been all over this field since I returned. At Bussa there was trouble; a compact of peace had been made and all our Protestants had come to their homes. But the other party had broken the peace. That night they stole a horse from a Protestant, and said they would keep on plundering and would kill, too. I slept in the teacher's room, but had my meals in the schoolroom, with the forty-four pupils for spectators; the teacher ate with me. Two mules, a horse and a donkey occupied a part of the room, but they generally kept quietly eating grass,—but not at my table. Then I went to Dibl. There was small-pox in almost every house. One case was in the same yard with me. It has been long since I was vaccinated, so I tried not to visit those who were down with it. The children who had not been vaccinated were all inoculated with the real horrible stuff. They say it is less dangerous that way than to take it by infection. Not many died of it and, lest you fear for me, I will say I did not die, nor did I take it, for which I am profoundly thankful to my Heavenly Father.

The Maronite bishop came there the same day that I did, with great pomp and firing of guns. People from all the region came in the parade. The town was full of people, and so was the sheikh's house where I stayed. He is the chief Protestant, and the Maronite people were determined to force him and the others to give up their Gospel faith. Two influential men in the region were quartered at the sheikh's house with me, to work to get him back. My being there was a poser to them. I had them at my table, and gave them tea twice a day. Once I poured eighteen cups of tea; six cups and five spoons answered, for I washed them out as required. But I had to buy many pounds of sugar before my week was up. They liked much sugar and they got it. When they had labored in vain with my host, the leader finally ended by asking him privately

* C. E. Societies of Lackawanna Presbytery.

to beg me to send a teacher to his town and open a school there.

At Dibl a man was taken very ill. The first night the animals kept me awake all night; the roosters near my bed crowed at all hours. The next night, the sick man roared like a mad bull in his pain, cursing and blaspheming and making the night hideous. What I could do for his relief I did. There were no medicines within miles. Next night, they built a fire on the floor near him to "roast his back," which they bared to the fire. He got the heat and I got the smoke, as I was up on the loft. Two smoky nights gave me two days of smarting eyes. I stayed through the week, having communion on Sunday, admitting one to the church and putting three on probation. Aside from the people at the service I had the respectful attention of a camel and two donkeys. Several persecutions have come on the Dibl people and a few failed to stand firm. They had not grace enough. I had to leave while the bishop and his crowd were still there, but stayed till the last minute, and then rode through to Sidon, forty miles, at one stretch, fourteen hours on the way and not very tired at the end. Oh, pray for the people of Dibl that their faith fail not. They are passing through a fiery trial.

Our mission meeting, at Beirût, appointed me to take charge of Gerard Institute (Boys' School) during sixteen months, from June 1st, while Dr. Ford gets much needed rest. May the Lord bless you all and answer your prayers for your old missionary,

Samuel Jessup.

Of later date, Dr. Jessup writes:

Sidon, Sept. 13.—It seems strange that with so many soldiers in the barracks and with the American men-of-war in the harbor, there should be a reign of terror in Beirût for three days. Every store, shop, office, bank, or press closed—Christians not daring to show themselves. Some were shot while sitting in their houses, others when looking out of their windows. Mr. —— and wife were on their verandah and were shot at, the ball scooping out a place in the stone next to them. It is reckoned that fifty people were killed and a large number wounded. The Governor of Damascus came over, and the Waly of Beirût was turned out of office next day.

CHARACTERISTIC SIDON ARCHES AND STREET TYPES.

A Mountain Home in Syria.

Three thousand feet above sea level, in a basin surrounded by mountain peaks, lies Jezzine, the village where we have summered five years out of the nineteen since we made our home in this land.

Four years ago, with a household of eleven, we occupied a house of five rooms, three of which we divided by curtains, while a tent, pitched in the yard, furnished additional sleeping room. This year, with a family reduced to seven, we have a more spacious house that boasts the "modern improvements," for water from the chief spring has been brought in iron pipes into the house, thus saving the necessity of conveying it in jars donkey-back, or on the shoulder of a woman.

Progress has been made in other directions, also. Four years ago we came up from Sidon over a long, steep and tedious mountain path in a cavalcade of ten horses and donkeys—one animal having fastened to its sides two boxes, containing our two youngest children.

(Perhaps I should add that the boxes had no covers!) Now, we sit idly in a carriage and are drawn up over a winding road, through a pass cut in the rock by the energy and skill of an honored governor of this Lebanon district, a graduate of the Syrian Protestant College at Beirût.

The attractive natural features of the village are its verdure, due to mulberry and poplar trees, and its abundant water, falling in two beautiful cascades as it leaves the village. Three Maronite churches, one Greek Catholic church and two convents, with numerous priests and nuns, constitute the religious forces of this stronghold of bigotry.

For many years a mission day-school shed its light in the place, but the candlestick was removed when it was felt that the time had come for requiring courageous support from the people as its price. Let us hope it may soon be restored with new power.

A crisis in the religious liberty of the village occurred, ten or twelve years ago, when the first Protestant died, a man of humble station. When it was known that he must die, the priests warned the people that any one who should attend the funeral would be excommunicated. Early the next morning, the Protestant preacher looked across the valley from his own house to that of the dead man. Yes, a crowd of people surrounded the house, and his courage rose. They had braved the anger of the priests and gone to show honor to the dead. Now he could hope that bearers would be found, to carry the bier to the place of burial, and he proceeded to prepare for the service which all had been warned to avoid.

When the hour came, the room could not hold the crowd who assembled. It was winter, and the nearest road to the cemetery was under water, so the funeral procession had to wind through the length of the village. Still there was no faltering. Relays of men carried the bier, and, as they went, the school-boys sang gospel hymns, among them,

"Jesus, keep me near the cross,"

with its familiar refrain. The roofs were full of women, watching the procession, and they were heard to remark with evident surprise and pleasure, "See, they do honor the cross, after all."

Do you ask what gave the people courage to defy their priests in such a public way? The Word of God had begun to work as a leaven in that community and this was God's opportunity to magnify Christ and His cross before the people, and to strengthen the faith of His discouraged but faithful servant, by giving him this victory over his opposers. One sower after another has gone forth to sow in this stony ground, and while the "full corn in the ear" is not yet given, there is not wanting here and there a blade.

(*Mrs. Wm. K.*) *Bessie N. Eddy.*

THE Maronite priest at Haitoora, where Miss Law has been summering, disapproved of the services which she and a Syrian teacher held with the villagers. He even promised to "blacken their faces with the bishop" if the meetings continued. One of these gatherings was in the home of a man who said that, for lack of Christian instruction, his large family of children were learning to pray like Moslems.

A BRAVE GOOD-BY.

Only those know how brave, who know with what sorrow, tenderness and trust these parents left their four children behind in Iowa.—EDITOR.

San Francisco, October 23, 1903.

We sail by *S. S. Siberia* to-day, via Honolulu, Manila and Hongkong, for Bangkok, Siam. Our year in the homeland has been a very pleasant and profitable one. Now, we return to our field, if God shall grant us a prosperous voyage, to begin our third term of life and service there. We go with the joyful feeling of returning to home and friends. We represent you. Pray that our service may be owned of God and made richly fruitful. Very cordially,

W. G. and JEANIE McCLURE.

SYRIA.

Miss Bernice Hunting of Tripoli wrote from Beino, August 22:

. . . There are a few of us in Syria who pray and labor for the great revival and expect to see it. If every worker would devote himself to personal work, I am sure we should not have to wait long.

Miss LaGrange and I are as busy in vacation as in term time, this year. It was her proposition to spend the summer here, and we cannot tell yet whether we can get out by the middle of September, as we hope.

CHOLERA HAS BROKEN OUT IN TRIPOLI

and the "throwing down of cordon" by the mountain government prevents our joining our station associates who are at Hadeth, in the mountains above Tripoli. This village is perhaps a thousand feet above sea level, and we do not think our health will suffer, though we miss the invigorating breezes of a higher altitude.

There is a small Protestant church here, which for many years had a name to live but is dead. Our wish and prayer has been that God would use us to stir up new life here. We cannot tell how fully our prayer has been answered. We have put in hard service for seven weeks, and we trust God to do His share, the ninety-nine hundredths of which Mr. Meyer talks. We are trying to build up a Sunday-school and more aggressive work among women and young people. I have a special study class, taking up vital topics, as "Who is a Christian?" "The State of the Natural Man," "How to Pass from the Natural to the Spiritual State." One young man who had backslidden seems to have taken a fresh start.

Our hearts are saddened by the news from Tripoli, Hums, and other cities. People are dying by the hundred. The striking part of it is, that among all these hundreds there have been only two from our circle of acquaintance. That opens my eyes anew to the smallness of our influence. Most of them are Moslems whom we never touch at all. When shall this Rock open to my Master? Pray that God may use the voice of this disease to call His children to repentance and obedience through faith.

Mrs. March of Tripoli wrote from "The Cedars," Mt. Lebanon, August 12:

Last New Year's Day we received over a hundred calls, and, a few days after, we began to move from the house where we had lived in Tripoli fifteen years and took one directly on the seashore. Our old house was large, just the place for us when the dear children were all about us, but with our reduced family we were glad to find a small house all on one floor.

In the spring I started a new series of meetings in another part of town. Every Tuesday afternoon I went over and met the women and girls, each week in a different house, and so got in a new set of neighbors every time. One woman, who with her husband has been a constant attendant at regular meetings, responded to the suggestion that she learn to read, although she is well on in life, a grandmother many times over, and with a house to care for. In a surprisingly short time she was able to read in the Testament which I gave her as a prize when she finished the primer. Later I started another meeting for upper-class women, most of whom know how to read.

Thursday afternoon meeting at the dispensary has gone on as usual,

OUR BIBLE WOMAN

taking the responsibility, though I always attend and take part. This woman also teaches in Sunday-school, helps in meetings, visits and, now that in the absence of Dr. Harris the dispensary is closed, she teaches a school.

Our poor Tripoli is cholera stricken, and all who possibly could have left the city. Those who remain are mostly Moslems and the poor. One Syrian worker is there, the keeper of our bookstore, and he is doing all in his power to

relieve the suffering and to preach Christ at the same time.

We came up to Hadeth before the cholera broke out and expect to return to the city when the usual time comes in October, though the cholera be not over. Last week we came to this cedar grove for ten days of camp life. It is all that is left of the ancient trees. Some of them are probably 2,000 years old.

Miss Ottora Horne wrote from Jezzine, July 10:

My first summer in Syria is making history of itself as fast as possible. So much typhoid fever was around that it was decided to close school a week earlier than had been intended. Miss Law is summering at Haitoora, while I am enjoying the delightful scenery, water and air in Jezzine.

We are 3,150 feet above sea level, and it is a pleasant change from the damp, heavy heat of Sidon. I have grown so fond of Sidon, however, that I don't quite like to make even a slightly disparaging remark about it. We have some interesting experiences here. The other evening we went to return a call. The greasy floor of cement was partially covered by greasier straw mats. In the beams, which supported the floor in the room above, worms were working so industriously that it sounded like the crackling and snapping of a wood fire. In one corner was a hand sewing machine, in another a cradle. Besides a jar of water, the only other furniture in the room was a rather suspicious-looking cushion, upon which we were invited to sit. The hostess, whose appearance was quite in keeping with her house, from her frowsy head to her bare, dirty feet, served us sour plums.

It is very sweet and wonderful to find the Bible a new book in this land, teeming still with the customs, dress and manners of 2,000 years ago. Every day sights and sounds recall Scripture, read over and over but only half comprehended until now.

INDIA.

Miss Rogers writes from Dehra, Sept. 3:

The soloist's part, in the splendid programme provided by the concert management, requires perhaps no greater effort than must be exerted by her accompanist, and yet the latter has little to say for herself after the song is finished, thinking only of the one who sang it and of her accomplishment. I happen to be accompanist here and I have been glad to do the things that help to make possible the report you receive from the school, and am happy to continue the accompaniment.

Planting and hoeing corn, sowing and reaping wheat, pruning and enriching fruit trees, renewing the stock as required, raising most of the vegetables needed for a family of 135, mending leaky roofs, replacing old thatch with new, mending roads and water pipes, paying all bills and salaries, keeping the books, doing considerable language study and some classroom work, clothing our many homeless and friendless children, taking charge of the sewing department, saying nothing of learning, by daily contact with heathenism, exceedingly valuable lessons at the cost of trying, often heart-breaking, experiences—all this takes about as much time as one has to give, without furnishing much of a report.

KOREA.

Mrs. Cyril Ross wrote from Syen Chun, August 18:

The women study their Bibles so eagerly it is a great pleasure to teach them. They like to get references and write them down. They have no reference Bibles, and I was surprised when one wanted the exact place in Isaiah where occurs a certain prophecy, for they have not the Old Testament. Only the men, who know Chinese, as yet have any Old Testament. Women only read the native character.

Mr. Ross has been ten days away from home. He and Mr. Whittemore held a study class in Tyung Ju. He has had a busy, helpful, happy time, I know, because, although he has had opportunity to send me messages three or four times, they have been the hastily scribbled, brief notes of a very busy person.

This morning four of Dr. Sharrocks' medical students came to the door to say good-by, as they were starting home for vacation. Each had a pack of bedding on his back and they were dressed for a journey over muddy roads. It will be a fine thing for Koreans when they have such doctors. Lately I have been learning more of native methods in sickness. There are things that we meet with almost too horrible to say much about to people at home.

MEXICO.

Mrs. Campbell wrote from Mexico, Sept. 1:

With five children, five grown-ups besides servants, with day-school, church, Sunday-school all in the same house, makes it pretty full. I see in some report that the ladies said Mrs. Campbell was set on having an industrial school. Yes, she is, and gets more firmly set every day. Every one who knows Mexico believes it to be just the thing, if rightly carried on.

HOME DEPARTMENT

REX CHRISTUS—Outline Study of China. Chapter I.

HINTS FOR STUDY CLASS.

Selected from Leaflets* by T. H. P. Sailer, Ph.D.

It is better to meet in the same place each time.

Try to secure ninety minutes for each session.

If no other map is available, let the class outline, with colored crayons, the boundaries of each province on the map in the text-book.

A written recitation of 15–20 minutes upon the geography of China is suggested.

The main faults are apt to be aimlessness, lack of unity, excess of details and slavish following of the text-book or reference book. Urge the written formulation of an aim for each exercise, and of a few important points to be brought out—the aim of mission study, the aim of this course,—the speedy evangelization of China. Every session must contribute something to bring out the latter as a responsibility of the Church of God and of ourselves.

Papers are usually more profitable to those who write than to those who hear them. Not more than two should be assigned in a session of only an hour.

Books. Cheap and excellent helps: *China and the Chinese*, by Dr. Nevius (75 cts.); *Dawn on the Hills of Tang*, by H. P. Beach (35 cts., paper); *Report on China Missions*, by Secretary Arthur Brown (10 cts.).

The Middle Kingdom (2 vols.), by S. Wells Williams, is a storehouse of information.

Reference Library ($5.00). See p. 193, WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN, August issue.

Note everything in *Rex Christus*, pp. 1–10, 29–41, bearing on China's resources and her consequent probable future.

Questions for reflection and discussion: (1) What would be the effect of her conversion upon China, economically? (2) What will be China's influence in the world if she remains unevangelized?

Five-minute papers: (1) "China's Resources," pp. 58–71, 78, 79 of Colquhoun's *China in Transformation;* (2) "Economy of Living in China," Ch. I of Fielde's *A Corner of Cathay*, Ch. II of Smith's *Chinese Characteristics;* (3) "Physical Vitality of the Chinese," Ch. XVI of *Chinese Characteristics.*

Discussion: In view of the past, what may we expect to see most, and what least, easily changed in the future China?

For five-minute Papers: (1) The T'ai P'ing Rebellion, Ch. XXIV of *The Middle Kingdom*,† Vol. II.; pp. 312-334, of Douglas' *China* (Story of the Nations); Ch. XXI, Nevius' *China and the Chinese;* Ch. IX, Martin's *Cycle of Cathay.*

(2) Educational System of China: Ch. IX, *Middle Kingdom*†, Vol. I; Ch. IV, *China and Chinese;* Ch. X, Smith's *Village Life in China.*

(3) Government of China: Ch. V, *China and Chinese;* Ch. VII, *China in Transformation;* "Government," in Ball's *Things Chinese.*

Discuss what China will be with and without Christianity, and press as a conclusion the necessity of every effort for seizing such a strategic position for Christ.

* Two sets for leaders, see WOMAN'S WORK, p. 263, November issue.

† Edition 1883.

EDITORIAL POINTERS.

In connection with p. 11, "the great Yu," 2100 B. C., see *Cycle of Cathay*, pp. 113, 114.

In connection with p. 19, "Chu Hsi, the great commentator," read delightful account of "White-Deer College," Ch. XIV of Lewis' *Educational Conquest of the Far East.* Use same volume, Chs. XV–XVII with topic (*Rex Christus*, p. 41) "China a Literary Nation."

Population: Checks on, *Chinese Characteristics* (Arthur Smith) pp. 144, 145; traits developed by density of population, *ibid*, p. 153; trickery with the census, in order "to check missionary zeal."—See, Appendix *Cycle of Cathay*, p 460.

Present Emperor, pp. 28, 29. Article by E. H Parker, Esq., in *Chinese Recorder*, Oct., 1898.

Empress Dowager, see *Cycle of Cathay*, pp. 262, 263, 345, 346.

An example of *method* in making use of the knowledge of Chinese history is given in *The Bible Society Record*, by H. C. DuBose, D.D., missionary of the Southern Presbyterian Church:

"It is customary at the decease of the father of an official to send around a funeral notice which tells of the virtues of the departed. It is also the custom for friends to return a present, which is usually some article connected with idolatry. When the father of the prefect died, the official called at our door and left the funeral notice. For one or two days I was puzzled what return to make, till I thought of the Book and had copied the Ninetieth Psalm, 'The Funeral Song written in the Chow* Dynasty by Moses, the sage of Judea.' When the prefect called to return his compliments for the presents received, I was a recipient of his card of thanks, and I have no doubt but that he considered the gift of the beautiful ode as most appropriate to the occasion, and on account of its novelty showed it to his friends."

MORE HINTS.

By Miss Mary Cochran.

Compare "Themes for Study," *Rex Christus*, p. 41.

I. "Resources:" *China and the Chinese*, pp. 21–45.

II. "Floods:" *One of China's Scholars* (Taylor), pp. 175–207.

III. "Life on Waterways:" *Harper's Magazine*, Vol. xci. Julian Ralph's *Alone in China.*

* Compare with *Rex Christus*, p. 11, with which agrees *The Middle Kingdom*, showing that Moses is much older than the "Chow" kings. This may be an error of the types.

OUR BOOK SHELF.

Esther Burr's Journal. J. E. Rankin, Author and Editor. (Woodward & Lothrop, Washington, D. C.) Ill'd; pp. 100; $1.00.

The reader is somewhat mystified as to which pages are by Dr. Rankin the "author" and which by the "editor." Anyhow, we have a charming book in black letter press type, with portraits of Esther Burr's mother, husband and granddaughter, and genuine quotations from her father, Jonathan Edwards. The "Journal" begins at Nortnampton, on Esther Edwards' ninth birthday, and concludes at Princeton after the birth of her son Aaron Burr and the death of her husband. The book is dedicated to Secretary Hay.

Into All the World. Amos R. Wells. (United Society of Christian Endeavor, Boston and Chicago.) Cloth, 50 cts.; paper, 35 cts.

A manual intended for study classes. It is topically arranged, like an encyclopedia, and is generally accurate, though occasionally illustrating the opening sentence of the preface: "Enormous difficulties are involved in the preparation of such a book as this."

Opportunities. In the Path of the Great Physician. Valeria Fullerton Penrose. (The Westminster Press, Phila.) Ill'd; 277 pp.; $1.00.

A volume representing a great deal of persistent hard work and enthusiasm. It aims to cover the whole subject of medical missions and presents a mass of facts upon a theme which has not been overdone in print.

The Women of the Middle Kingdom. R. L. McNabb. (Eaton & Mains.) Ill'd. $1.00.

Deals chiefly with such subjects as dress, houses, marriage, burial, religions. Only ten short chapters, of which the last two, about Mrs. Ahok of Foochow and the Empress Dowager, are the most important.

SINCE LAST MONTH.

ARRIVALS:

September 28.—At San Francisco, Rev. and Mrs. David Park, from Nan, Laos. Address, 515 Carson St., San Antonio, Texas.

October —.—At New York, Miss Janet McKillican, from Peking, China. Address, Vankleek Hill, Ontario, Canada.

DEPARTURES:

October 23.—From San Francisco, Rev. George Wm. Wright and Rev. Chas. E. Rath, to join the Philippine Islands Mission.

Rev. and Mrs. W. G. McClure, returning to Siam.

October 31.—From San Francisco, Henry C. Whiting, M.D., and Mrs. Whiting, to join the Korea Mission.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Dodd, returning to the Laos Mission.

Howard L. Cornell, M.D., and Mrs. Cornell, to join the Laos Mission.

Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Vincent, to join the Laos Mission.

MARRIAGE:

July 27.—At Shanghai, Miss Arminda W. Elliott to Rev. A. J. Fisher, both of Canton Mission.

RESIGNATIONS:

Miss Emma F. Boughton, West Shantung. Appointed 1889.
Miss Etta W. Case, East Japan. Appointed 1887.
Miss Edna Johnson, Mexico. Appointed 1892.
Miss M. E. Kelley, West Japan. Appointed 1893.
Miss Hester McGaughey, India. Appointed 1898.
Miss Celia J. Riley, Colombia, S. A. Appointed 1893.
Miss Kate L. Schaeffer, Hainan, China. Appointed 1893.

TO THE AUXILIARIES.

[FOR ADDRESS OF EACH HEADQUARTERS AND LIST OF OFFICERS SEE THIRD PAGE OF COVER.]

From Philadelphia.

Send all letters to 501 Witherspoon Building. Directors' meeting first Tuesday of the month at 10.30 o'clock. Prayer meeting third Tuesday, at 11 o'clock. Cordial invitation extended to each meeting.

December. Prayer Union.—*Our Publications.*

THE synodical and presbyterial meetings within our territory have given evidence of much interest in each of the departments of work. Special mention may be made of the enthusiasm in Washington, D. C., Presbyterial Society. Their noble effort to raise $5,000 above their pledged work, for the purpose of building an additional house for the use of Joshi Gakuin, Tokyo, is meeting with signal success, and it is confidently hoped that when the twenty-fifth anniversary day in March is reached their aim will be accomplished.

IT was a happy surprise to have Dr. Halsey present at our October prayer-meeting. He brought us the freshest news from the office and from the field, stimulating our courage and inspiring to more devotion the large number of workers gathered there.

IT is a great joy to have with us for a short visit our courageous, cheerful and strong-of-faith Dr. Mary H. Fulton of Canton, China. What blessed results have been granted her in almost twenty years' service! May she long be spared to her work in China.

NEW LEAFLETS: *The Autobiography of a Successful Life*, 1 ct., will please and instruct young workers as they read the Doll's story of her life in India.

FOR DECEMBER: The recently revised *Historical Sketch of Syria*, 10 cts.; *Question Book*, 5 cts.; *Illustrated Programme*, 5 cts. per doz.; *Hospitals, Schools and Colleges*, each 3 cts; *Little People of Syria, Selma, Salaam, A Syrian Day-school and its Vacation, Dr. C. V. A. Van Dyck* (A Hero), each 2 cts. If the workers for the Syrian day schools have not already re-

ceived the leaflet, *Why We Give to Syrian Day-school*, they should send for a copy.

It is confidently hoped that the book for juniors for the study of *Rex Christus* will be on our shelves by Jan. 1.

Rex Christus and its helps are having a very generous sale, indicating an increasing number of study classes. *Year Book of Prayer, 1904*, 10 cts.

In ordering leaflets, do not address any individual, but in order to secure prompt attention send all orders to Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 501 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

From Chicago.

Meetings at Room 48, Le Moyne Block, 40 E. Randolph Street, every Friday at 10 A.M. Visitors welcome.

Many of the meetings of synodical and presbyterial societies missed the expected presence and addresses of the ever-welcome Field Secretary. She has not been well since her return from Mexico, and, upon reaching Colorado Springs, had to enter St. Francis Hospital with what the physicians pronounced "walking typhoid fever," from which she had been suffering, the doctor said, for eight weeks. Many and earnest prayers have been offered for her recovery, and the last word received here was that she could probably leave the hospital within a few days.

We devote space this time to literature, leaflets and helps for the month and the "United Study." Helps for the month are: *Historical Sketch of Syria*, 10 cts.; *Questions and Answers*, 5 cts.; *Schools and Colleges*, 3 cts.; *Hospitals, Dr. C. V. A. Van Dyck, Salaam, a Greeting, Home Life, Little People in Syria*, each 2 cts. A new leaflet for children, *The Autobiography of a Successful Life*, by a Doll, 2 cts. An announcement which will be hailed with delight: A new edition of the Picture Book, *People and Places in Foreign Missions*, 10 cts. Do *not* omit the *Year Book of Prayer*, 10 cts.

For those who begin the United Study series this year: *Via Christi*, cloth 50 cts., paper 30 cts., from Paul down to Carey, with the needed helps—Barnes' *Two Thousand Years Before Carey*, $1.50; *Earliest Missions*, 10 cts.; *Quiz on Via Christi*, 3 cts.

Then comes *Lux Christi, a Study of India*, cloth 50 cts., paper 30 cts.; paper *Map*, 25 cts.; *Programmes*, 2 cts., 10 cts. per dozen; *Pictures*, 20 cts., or ten sets, $1.50.

The third book of the series, *Rex Christus, a Study of China*, cloth 50 cts., paper 30 cts. Aids to this are: *The Outline Plan*, 2 cts., 10 cts. per doz.; *Pictures*. 25 cts.; *China in Outline*, 10 cts. A simplified study, suitable for children's classes, will be ready Jan. 1; 10 cts. *For all the above send to address at head of these Notes.*

For books of reference on China, T. H. P. Sailer offers, express prepaid: *Chinese Characteristics, Village Life in China, Mission Problems and Methods in South China, China and the Chinese, Two Heroes of Cathay;* these five books for $5.00—regular price being $7.25. Sets are not broken. Address orders to 156 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

From New York.

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., cor. 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month, at 10.30 A. M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and reading of missionary letters, commencing at same hour.

"Utica Branch hopes to contribute this year five thousand dollars for the building of a manse in Manila, in addition to the regular pledges. An effort has been made to interest women in this work who are not already interested in missions and who do not attend missionary meetings. Much of the money has been already contributed, and by doubling the usual praise-offering the amount desired will be completed."

The summer offering amounts to $2,374.47, which will enable us to provide for the objects mentioned in the leaflet and contribute also to the medical work at Ambala, India. As our friends in Hamadan, Persia, have not been able to secure the waterway, the money intended for that will be appropriated to medical work in Hamadan and Teheran.

For December Meetings: *Historical Sketch of Syria*, 10 cts.; *Question Book, Some Notable Syrian Missionaries*, each 5 cts.; *Home Life, Salaam, Selma, Little People of Syria, Dr. C. V. A. Van Dyck*, each 2 cts.; *Hospital Work, Schools and Colleges* and *Flash Lights*, each 3 cts.

For Study Classes: *Via Christi, Lux Christi* and *Rex Christus*, cloth 50 cts., paper 30 cts.; *Princely Men of the Heavenly Kingdom*, cloth 50 cts., paper 35 cts.; *China in Outline*, 10 cts.; Maps of India and China, each 25 cts.; Pictures to accompany *Lux Christi* and *Rex Christus*, 25 cts. a set; *How to Use Rex Christus in Missionary Meetings*, 2 cts. each, 10 cts. per dozen copies.

New Leaflet: *The Autobiography of a Successful Life*, by a Doll, 10 cts. per dozen. *The Year Book of Prayer*, 10 cts.

From Northern New York.

The Semi-annual Meeting, which was held in Saratoga, proved a most delightful and helpful one, though external conditions were anything but favorable. While the deluge of rain prevented many from coming, it was certainly most encouraging to find on entering the church how many had braved the elements and taken an early morning journey in order to be present.

A delightful devotional service, led by Mrs. E. K. Safford, Glens Falls, opened the sessions. Dr. Durant, pastor of the church, opened the formal meeting. He was followed by a helpful and suggestive address by the president on "Give One's Self." Brief reports were given by the secretaries. Miss Bigelow of Yamaguchi gave an admirable address on the work in Japan, especially of the school with which she has been so long connected.

The ladies of the two churches, at the noon recess, served lunch to all in attendance. The brightness of the room and attractiveness of the tables made one forget the gloom and downpour outside.

At the afternoon session the young people's

work was presented by their secretary, who congratulated them on the work their representatives are doing on the field, reports of which are more and more encouraging. She urged that this fact should stimulate all the Young People's Societies to greater efforts.

A most practical and suggestive conference on "Methods of Work" followed, which we feel assured will prove of help in the better prosecution of the work of the societies during the coming winter. We had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Henry Forman of Etah, India, on the present condition of his field. Mr. Forman made an earnest plea for the organizing of the whole Church, in order to meet the demands, not only in India but in all our fields. After a delightful solo, this interesting meeting was closed with a few earnest words and prayer by the pastor of the Second Church, the Rev. Herbert Gestner.

AN interesting memorial service was held by the society of the Ninth Church, Troy, for Rev. Etianyi. Mrs. Sims, the president, gave a sketch of his life and work at Benito, emphasizing Etianyi's faithfulness in service. Letters which had been received from him during the summer were read. Prayers were offered especially for his children, whom he longed to see walking in the way of the Lord.

OUR young people of Troy and Champlain presbyteries are to be congratulated on being the recipients of such an interesting letter from their missionary, Rev. W. H. Lingle. It was received just too late to be mentioned last month. It and other letters from different fields can be obtained from Miss Sarah Freeman, 54 Second St., Troy, N. Y. Orders can also be sent to Miss Freeman for *Rex Christus* (paper, 30 cts.; board, 50 cts.; pictures, 25 cts.).

IT is earnestly desired that the number of subscribers to the magazines should be greatly increased the coming year. Sample copies can be had of Miss Bush, 29 Second St., Troy, as well as the *Year Book of Prayer*, 10 cts.

From St. Louis.

Meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Room 21, 1516 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo. Missionary literature for sale at the above number. Visitors always cordially welcome.

THE Synodical Society of Missouri met Oct. 27-29, at Clinton, Mo. There were present representatives from each of the five Presbyteries, fifty-seven in all, and four out of the five presbyterial presidents. The interest was well sustained through the whole meeting, and expressions of satisfaction were heard on all hands over the attendance, enthusiasm and pleasant entertainment. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Lamkin of Clinton, president; Mrs. Wright of Kansas City, vice-president; Mrs. Meredith, Mexico, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. E. McAfee, Parkville, recording secretary; Miss Hetty Hengy, Holden, S. C. E. secretary.

AMONG those who have been called from the burden and heat of the day, none will be more sorely missed than Miss Jennie McGintie, who served the Board at various times as treasurer, secretary and chairman of the printing committee. Miss McGintie had the rare capacity of doing well many things which are unpleasant and tiresome, and which bring little recognition, and of doing them uncomplainingly. She was regular and punctual in her attendance at Board meetings, and was always cheery and helpful. Her last illness was very tedious and painful, and her patience under her affliction was an example to all about her. Her perfect trust in her Heavenly Father through all her trials will always be remembered by those who nursed her and went down to the brink of the River with her. The profound sympathy of the Board is extended to her sorrowing brothers and sister.

IN a recent letter from Miss Griffin of Chieng Mai she announces her intention of remaining in America after her furlough has expired. Miss Griffin was one of the first missionaries associated with our Board, and her work was of the highest order. It is said that the school which was under her care was noted for the spiritual development of its pupils. We regret exceedingly to lose so valuable a worker.

TWO new societies have been received in the last month from St. Louis Presbytery, showing that the presbyterial officers are not relaxing in their zeal.

WE have the books, pictures and leaflets for the United Study of Missions, or other study classes. Our excellent leaflets on China we recommend to your attention also.

People and Places on the Foreign Field, No. 3, is just as attractive as it can be. Leaders and teachers of young people in Junior Endeavor and Bands will find this picture book delightful.

NEW LEAFLET: *The Autobiography of a Successful Life*, by a Doll. Price, 10 cts. per dozen.

LITERATURE for meetings on Syria: *Historical Sketch*, 10 cts. each; *Questions and Answers*, 5 cts.; *Foreign Mission Fields*, 1 ct. each; *Gospel Dawn in Syria* (poetry), 1 ct., 10 cts. per dozen; *Hid Treasure*, 3 cts.; *Selma, Dr. C. V. A. Van Dyck* (a Hero), *Home Life, Little People in Syria, A Syrian Day-school and its Vacation, Hospitals*, 2 cts.; *Schools and Colleges*, 3 cts.; *Illustrated Programme*, 5 cts.

ANY one who *wants* a good thing will order *two* copies of the *Year Book of Prayer for Foreign Missions for 1904*. Yes, we said will order *two copies* (at least)—one copy for your pastor, one for yourself. You will never be found in a dilemma for lack of information if you have a *Year Book*. Price, 10 cts. Send orders for the above to Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, 1516 Locust St., St. Louis.

From San Francisco.

Public meeting at 920 Sacramento Street the first Monday in each month at 10.30 A. M. and 1.30 P. M. All are invited. Executive Committee, third Monday.

WITHIN two months three missionaries have sailed for foreign lands, under the care of the Occidental Board. Mrs. Whiting was accepted by the Foreign Board and left for Korea almost immediately. Thus we shall have six missionaries in Korea, three in India, besides being represented in all the other fields.

MRS. WRIGHT related a pleasing incident at the opening devotional service of our October

meeting. Just before a recent steamer sailed, upon which were a number of missionaries, a gentleman upon the wharf, one of a large number waiting to waft a last good-by, threw to them a card upon which he had written the text from Joshua i: 9: "Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted; neither be thou dismayed; for Jehovah, thy God, is with thee whithersoever thou goest." It was caught by Miss Jones, a missionary to Japan, who at once called back II Corinthians, i: 11: "Ye also, helping together on our behalf by your supplications."

FOREIGN missionary evening at Synod was a service long to be remembered. Dr. Marshall delivered the address, which was earnest, impassioned, giving facts and figures which the large audience, mostly ministers, will not soon forget. How weary one must become pleading as the years go by; pleading in behalf of those who have never heard the gospel of Christ preached. When will our churches arise and take up this important duty?

THE Occidental Board presented its work before Synod, and the Chinese girls from the Mission Home sang and gave recitations, greatly to the delight of the audience. Twenty-five feet of land adjoining the mission is to be purchased if $3,400 can be secured. This would prevent other buildings, which might be offensive, shutting out the light, from being placed close to the Home, and which as property increases in value would be a valuable adjunct. Dr. Walker, the Moderator, presented the cause in a most effective manner, and responses came from ministers and others. Ten dollars will buy ten shares; one dollar, one share.

AS far as heard from, Santa Barbara is the banner society in furnishing subscriptions for WOMAN'S WORK. Fifty-one reported, and thirty-six copies of *Over Sea and Land* taken.

MRS. H. B. PINNEY, Secretary of Literature, will supply presbyteries with tracts on Syria, the topic for December. Let them be faithfully distributed and read. Let subscriptions to our magazines be sent to headquarters every month. Mrs. Condit reports an advance in our presbyteries in the number of new subscribers.

From Portland, Oregon.

Meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the First Presbyterian Church. Visitors welcome.

MANY subscriptions to WOMAN'S WORK expire this month. Be prompt in renewing, so as not to lose a link in the chain of missionary news. Aid your Secretary of Literature, or whoever sends subscriptions, by going to her with your renewal and do not wait to be called upon for it.

THE demand for literature is increasing. Our Board Depositary spent five consecutive hours one evening recently in selecting and packing leaflets, books, etc., for study classes and societies. Verily, here is a grand work!

MANY societies held their annual praise and thanksgiving service in November. The Board would be glad to hear from these always interesting meetings. If you had something good, "pass it on."

THIS month ends the third quarter. "How much owest thou?" The next three months are those that bring anxiety to Board treasurers. Let us lighten their burdens by prompt and full remittances!

A STEP was taken by the North Pacific Board, in October, which has given great satisfaction. An invitation was sent out to Women's and Young People's Societies of all evangelical churches, in Portland and its suburbs, to unite in a Missionary Institute. This was held in the First Presbyterian Church. Attendance was excellent and half-day sessions were conducted by Presbyterian (Mrs. Ladd in the chair), Congregational, Methodist and Baptist leaders in succession. The half-hours spent in Bible study and prayer were inspiring and brought us close to the Throne of Grace. Answering the question, *How shall we get our women to pray in meetings?* a pastor's wife said: "I will give you a recipe that I have often tried, which never failed. Get individuals in your auxiliary to join you in praying, for a week or a month, in behalf of some special mission and they will soon begin praying for that in public." Features of the Institute were: An Auxiliary Symposium; Discussions of the United Study Course and the Study Class; Conferences on the Missionary Committee, the Financial Problem, and Work for the Children. A most suggestive paper on "Missionary Literature" and the enthusiasm kindled on "United Study" encouraged many who had come from small churches to go home and make a beginning, if they had nothing but *Lux Christi* and an encyclopedia. Miss Goss told of the benefits which had come to the Young Women's Society in the First Church, in definite knowledge and increased missionary interest. They took the Student Volunteer course for awhile and are now on *Lux Christi*.

The meetings closed with an open parliament upon "What I have learned from this conference." Some of the testimonies were: "Realization of unity of Christian workers; our problems are much the same, our helps, hindrances, hopes and aims are one." Some were impressed by "the prayerful atmosphere," others by "the practical demonstration of need of systematic giving." One had been shown her "ignorance of missions and the necessity for thoroughness;" another, that she should make an effort to get good missionary books into the S. S. library; another, that "the mission of the Church is missions."

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church from Oct. 1, 1903.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.] *Thank Offering.

ATHENS.—Amesville, C.E., 6.55; Athens, 13.90; Marietta, 21.77, $42.22

BALTIMORE.—Baltimore, 2d, 29.83. Willing Hearts, 12.59; Broadway, Bands, 19; Central, 11; Hampden, 5; Lafayette Sq., 20; Light St., 5; Chestnut Grove, 3, C.E., 2; Frederick, 4.75; Govanstown, 14.50; Havre de Grace, C.E., 5.30; Mt. Paran, 8; New Windsor, 5; Relay, 3; Taneytown, 50, 197.97

BELLEFONTAINE.—Belle Centre, 8; Bellefontaine, 28; Bucyrus, 30; De Graff, 2.50; Huntsville, 3; Kenton, 50; Marseilles, 8, C.E., 2; Tiro, 4; Zanesfield, 1.50, 137.00

BUTLER.—Allegheny, 2; Butler, 1st, Y.W. Aux., 6; 2d, 12.54, Y.W. Aux., 2.90, C.E., 13.15; Centreville, 11.40; Con-

cord, 10; Grove City, 15; Martinsburg, 5, C.E., 15; Middlesex, C.E., 10; Mt. Nebo, 6; North Liberty, 7; North Washington, C.E., 10, L.L.B., 4.50; Petrolia, 4 50; Plain Grove, 16, C.E., 17; Portersville, 5.50; Prospect, 4; Scrubgrass, 11; Unionville, 5; West Sunbury, 6.25, L.L.B., 10; Zelienople, 20, 229.74

CARLISLE.—Carlisle, 1st, 25; 2d, 15; Chambersburg, Falling Spring, 17, Y.L.S., 60; Dillsburg, Monaghan, 6.05; Gettysburg, 29.35, C.E., 4; Greencastle, Y.L.B., 7.50; Harrisburg, Market Square, 29.06, Macedonian Bd., 50, Sr. Dept. S.S., 20.90, C.E., 50; Mechanicsburg, 13, Birthday Bd., 4.10; Newport, 6.50; Newville, Big Spring, 26.12; Paxton, 35; Shippensburg, Bequest Mrs. Jane Nevin, 210, Y.L.B., 11; Upper Path Valley, 22, 641.58

CLEVELAND.—Ashtabula, 1st, 12; Cleveland, 1st, 7, C.E., 10, C.E. Jr., 2; 2d, 44.27; Beckwith Mem'l, 43 80, C.E., 16.50; Bolton Ave., 9, C.E., 15; Boulevard, 9.88; Calvary, 183.40; Case Ave., 13, C.E., 10; Euclid Ave., 9, C.E., 10; North, 25; Willson Ave., 6; Woodland Ave., 50; East Cleveland, 1st, 18; Windermere, 5; Glenville, 5; Seville, Guilford, 10; Streetsboro, 3, C.E., 5; Wickliffe, 13, 534.85

DAYTON.—Dayton, 1st, Y.L.S., 25; 4th, 30; Memorial, 15, Hughes Soc., 20; Fletcher, 2.50; Franklin, 9 50; Greenville, 18; Middletown, 1st, 35; Oxford, 5; Springfield, 1st, 20, Y.W. Soc., 19; 2d, 23.75, Y.L.S., 25; 3d, 2; Troy, 25, Second Aux., 15.75; Xenia, 26 75, 317.25

EAST FLORIDA.—Candler, L.A. Soc., 1.25, C.E., 4, 5.25

ELIZABETH.—Basking Ridge, 50, C.E., 15; Clinton, 20.75; Cranford, 12.37, Y.L. Bd., 25; Elizabeth, Assn., 20; 2d, Band, 6; Greystone, Cheerful Givers, 65; Lamington, 24; Perth Amboy, 20; Plainfield, Crescent Ave., 50, A Lady, 100; Pluckamin, 3.65, Crescent Bd., 17.04; Railway, 1st, 5; 2d, 15; Roselle, 20.43; Westfield, 10; Woodbridge, 20, 534.24

FAIRFIELD.—Bethlehem, 1st, 50 cts.; Carmel, 1; Ebenezer, 50 cts.; Hermon, 50 cts.; Ladson, 1.25, 3.75

HUNTINGDON.—Altoona, 1st, Mission Gardeners, 5, C.E., 3.50; Bellefonte, 122.75; Coalport, C.E., 5; Hollidaysburg, 115; Lewistown, C.E., 25; Lower Spruce Creek, 14; Lower Tuscarora, C.E., 16 58; Osceola, 30; Philipsburg, 8.80; Sinking Valley, Gleaners, 15, C.E., 10.56; Williamsburg, C.E., 8, 379.19

KINGSTON.—Chattanooga, 2d, Y.L.S., 20.50; Huntsville, Y.L.S., 65 c's., 21.15

KITTANNING.—Marion, C.E., 6.00

LACKAWANNA.—Ashley, C.E., Jr., 15; Athens, 12.50; Bennett, C.E., 10; Canton, 12; Carbondale, 1st, 33, True Light Bd., 5 59; Forty Fort, 5; Monroeton, 6; Orwell, 6; Scranton, 2d, A Lady, 250; Green Ridge Ave., 11; Washburn St., C.E., 25; Stevensville, 11, C.E., 6; Towanda, 42; Troy, 20, Birthday Bd., 6.25; Ulster, 6.25; West Pittston, 25, Willing Workers, 19.13; Wilkes-Barre, 1st, 75; Wyalusing, 1st, Nassau Bd., 16, 617.72

MCCLELLAND.—Mattoon, 1; Westminster, 1, 2.00

MAHONING.—Brookfield, 6; Canfield, 20; Kinsman, 20; Leetonia, 10; Middle Sandy, 4.25; Niles, 10; Warren, 50, Primary Cl., 1.13; Youngstown, 1st, 2; 2d, Aux., 7, Mary Edwards Soc., 20; Westminster, 25.50, Workers for Jesus, 6.06, 181.94

MORRIS AND ORANGE.—Boonton, C.E Jr., 10; E. Orange, 1st, Y.P.S. (C.E.), 17; Arlington Ave., 40; Brick, 100; German Valley, 25, C.E., 5; Hanover, 75, Y.L. Aux., 12; Madison, Y.L.B., 5; New Providence, 34; Orange, Central, 210; Summit, 40; Wyoming, C.E., 5, 578.00

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Amwell, 1st, 10; 2d, 12 20; Dayton, 15.78; Flemington, 10.30; Hopewell, 5, C.E., 3; Lambertville, C.E., 30; Milford, 30; New Brunswick, 1st, 50; Pennington, 52.50; Princeton, 1st, 71.54; 2d, 13; Stockton, C E., 4; Titusville, C.E., 5; Trenton, 1st, 125, C.E., 12.50; 3d, 34, C.E., 25; 5th, 20; Bethany, 21, C.E., 5; East, C.E., 12 50; Walnut Ave., C.E., 4, 571.32

NEW CASTLE.—Elkton, 13.80; Forest (Middletown), 6; Glasgow (Pencader), 3; Green Hill, Earnest Workers, 4; Head of Christiana, 7; Lewes, 8; Lower Brandywine, 7; Perryville, 10; Pitts Creek, 20; Port Deposit, 11; Port Penn, 3; Red Clay Creek, C.E., 5; Rock, 11; West Nottingham, 19.50, C.E., 15; Wicomico (Salisbury), 8.50; Wilmington, Central, 32, L.L.B., 5, A Friend, *5; Hanover, C.E., 6, C.E. Jr., 2; Olivet, 5; West, C.E., 7, C.E. Jr., 21; Zion, Md., 5.18, 239.98

PHILADELPHIA.—Arch St., Y.P. Soc., 4.57; Bethany, 50; Bethlehem, Y.P. Assn., 24.04; Calvary, Mothers' Bd., 15, Little Helpers, 5; Chambers Wylie, C.E., 30; Covenant, C.E., 5; Harper Mem'l, 21; Hebron, C.E., 16; Mutchmore Mem'l, 20, Y.L.C., 10; North Broad St., 122.68; Nor. Lib., 1st, Little Gleaners, 30; Olivet, C.E., 10; Patterson Mem'l, Y.L.S., 11; Tabor, L.L.B., 22; Tennent Mem'l, C.E., 5; Union Tabernacle, Bible Union, 30; West Hope, 10; West Master St., 10, 451.29

PHILADELPHIA NORTH.—Ambler, 2; Ann Carmichael, C.E., 20; Bridgeport, 1st, C.E., 10; Carmel (Edge Hill), 3 30, C.E., 4 50; Conshohocken, 11, C.E., 3.50; Doylestown, 37.50, C.E., 12.50; Mechanicsville, Bd., 4.38; Falls of Schuylkill, Y.L.S., 2 50; Forestville, 3; Fox Chase Mem'l, 17 75; Frankford, Y.P. Union (C.E.), 18; Germantown, 1st, 71.65, C.E., 19.18, C.E. Jr., 4.72; Market Square, 9; Wakefield, C.E., 30; Hermon, 2.60, M. and D., 10, Y L.B., 6.25, Busy Bees, 3, C.E., 22, C.E., Jr., 1 25; Holmesburg, 1st, 9.85; Lower Providence, 4 50; Neshaminy of Warminster, 5.64; Ivyland, C.E., 3, C.E., Jr., 1; Neshaminy of Warwick, 24, Donation, 25, C.E., 25; New Hope, 2, C.E., 1.75; Norristown, Central, C. E., 3.50; Olney, 2; Reading, 1st, 121.75; Olivet, Aftermath Soc., 12, C.E., 5; Wissahickon, 7.50; Offerings from Shanghai, 8.35; Interest, 1, 572.42

PITTSBURG AND ALLEGHENY COM.—Allegheny, Brighton Road, 7.85; Central, C.E., 20; McClure Ave., 55; Manchester, 7; North, 38.10; Castle Shannon, 52.50; Chartiers, 15; Clifton, 2; Crafton, 8.38, Charlotte Hawes Bd., 30, Mary J. Miller Bd., 45.63; Edgewood, 40; Glenshaw, 6; Hoboken, 10; Ingram, L.L.B., 2; Leetsdale, 13.35, Y.L.S., 12.50; McDonald, 26.30; Mansfield, 52.50; Monongahela, 50; Pittsburg, 4th, Shrom Bd., 1; 6th, 25; Bellefield, 100; East Liberty, 60; 43d St., 21.25; Hazlewood, 26; Highland, 15; Homewood Ave., 7, C.E., 15; Pittsburg, Lawrenceville, 22.50; Mt. Washington, 10; Oakland, C.E., 10; Point Breeze, 20; Tabernacle, 6; Sewickley, 25; Wilkinsburg, 25, C.E., 100, C.E., Int., 25; A Friend, 12 50, 1,020.36

ST. CLAIRSVILLE.—Antrim, 12, C.E., 11; Barnesville, Westminster League, 19.70; Cadiz, 192; Cambridge, 16; Concord, 33; Crabapple, 28; Farmington, 5; Martin's Ferry, 24, Chalfant Bd., 4, Lilies of the Valley, 2; Mt. Pleasant, 30, King's Messengers, 28; Powhattan, C.E., 9.50; Rock Hill, 5; Washington, 12; Woodsfield, 2.90, 434 10

UNION.—Clover Hill, C.E., 5.00

WASHINGTON.—Burgettstown, 1st, 19; Westminster, 20; Claysville, 50; Cove, W. Va., 10; Cross Creek, Y.L.S., 30; Cross Roads, 20; East Buffalo, 10.70; Fairview, 6.25; Forks of Wheeling, 17, Bessie Shaw Bd., 20; Lower Ten Mile, 7.50; Upper Buffalo, C.E., 10; Washington, 1st, 75, Cornes Bd., 25, Sewing Soc., 25, C.E., 16; 2d, 12.11, Non Nobis Bd., 8.65, A Friend, 30; 3d, 25; West Alexander, Hold the Fort Bd., 10; Wheeling, 1st, 125, Cherith Bd., 20; Vance Mem'l, 25, 617.21

WASHINGTON CITY.—Anacostia, Garden Mem'l, 3.38, Guiding Star Bd., 2, Y L.C., 3.68; Berwyn, Md., 3.72; Clifton, Va., 1 65; Eckington, D. C., 10, C.E., Jr., 2.50; Hyattsville, Md., 5; Kensington, Md., Warner Mem'l, 5; Manassas, Va., 7.75; Neelsville, Md., 10; Riverdale, Md., 1.50; Takoma Park, D.C., 8.50, L.L.B., 2.50; Washington, 4th, 28.34, Jr. Miss. Soc., 18 32, L.L.B., 3; 6th, 26.39, Cheerful Givers, 5; 15th St., 5; Assembly, 10, C.E., 3.67; Covenant, C.E., 20; Eastern, 8, Y.P.C., 3.75; Gunton Temple, 8.05, C.E., 5.25, C.E., Jr., 2.62, Little Helpers, 5.70; Gurley Mem'l, 20; Metropolitan, 47.50, Mateer Bd., 10, C.E., 10; New York Ave., 125, C.E., 5.07; Bethany Chapel, Aux., 2.04, Boys' Brigade, 6, Current Events, 5; North, 7.50; Western, 15; West St., 25, C.E., 6; Westminster, 25, L.L.B., 2 50, 531.90

WOOSTER.—Ashland, 3.75, Y.L.S., 12; Bellville, 1; Congress, 20; Creston, 6.12; Dalton, 8 50, C.E., 10; Mansfield, 27.68; Millersburg, 7.75; Ontario, 3.90; Orrville, 7.80; Savannah, 14, Lenington Bd., 15; Shelby, C.E., 5, C.E., Jr., 4; Wayne, 7.30; West Salem, 7; Wooster, 1st, 50.65; Westminster, 81.71, 293.16

ZANESVILLE.—Brownsville, 9; Coshocton, 17; Dresden, 4.95; Duncan's Falls, 3.55; Frazeysburg, 11.30; Fredericktown, 5; Granville, 11; Hanover, C.E., 1; Jersey, 8.60; Madison, 40; Martinsburg, 3.26; Mt. Vernon, 12.50, C.E., 10.30; Newark, 1st, 6; New Concord, 15; Pataskala, 8.35, C.E., 3; Unity, C.E., 6; Zanesville, 1st, 11; 2d, 25; Putnam, C.E., 2 50, 214.31

MISCELLANEOUS.—Int., 55.75; A Friend, Cleveland, O., 50; A Lady and Gentlemen, Basking Ridge, N. J., 10, 115.75

Total for October, 1903,	$9,496.65
Total since May 1, 1903,	29,793.49

(MISS) ELIZABETH H. ELDRIDGE, *Treas.*,
501 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

Oct. 31, 1903.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest to Oct. 20, 1903.

* Indicates gifts for objects outside of appropriations.

ALTON.—Alton, 19.56; Carrollton, 14.25; E. St. Louis, 5; Greenville, 10, C.E., 7; Hardin, 3.50; Jerseyville, 4.95; Litchfield, C.E., 5; Reno, Bethel Ch., C.E., 5.50; Sparta, 5; Virden, 6; White Hall, 8.87, $94.63

BLOOMINGTON.—Bloomington, 1st, C.E., 7.50; 2d, 86, Y. P.U., 15; Champaign, 10, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Gunn, 12.50; Chenoa, 9.80, C.E., 5.72; Clarence, 6.35; Clinton, 112.99; El Paso, 3.75; Fairbury, 50; Gibson City, 32.45; Gilman, C. E., 5; Heyworth, 12.75; Homer, 6.25; Lexington, 10; Minonk, 8; Monticello, 5; Paxton, 3.90; Philo, 16; Rankin, 8.55; Tolono, 20.24; Urbana, 6; Wellington, 2; Wenona 4, 459.75

BOISE.—Boise, 1st, 6.10; Caldwell, 2.45, 8.55

BOULDER.—Berthoud, 5, C.E., 7.50; Beaver, C.E., 2.50; Boulder, C.E., 2.15; Ft. Collins, 11.87; Ft Morgan, 5; Greeley, 10; LaSalle, 7.75; Longmont, 11; Timnath, 3.75, C.E.,

5; Valmont, 5, 76.52

BUTTE.—Anaconda, 7.85; Butte, 1st, 10; Dillon, 75 cts.; Missoula, 5.30; Philipsburg, 5.50, 29.40

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Cedar Rapids, 1st, C.E., 12.50; 2d, C.E., 10; Sinclair Mem'l Ch., C.E., 1.28; Clarence, C.E., 5; Clinton, C.E., 5.82, Jr. C.E., 3.15; Lyons, C.E., 2.91; Marion, C.E., 24; Onslow, C.E., 1.21; Scotch Grove, Sunbeam Bd., 2.42, Willing Workers, 6.79, 75.08

CHIPPEWA.—Ashland, 7.58; Chippewa Falls, 4.50; Eau Clair, 9.29; Hudson, 9.50; Rice Lake, 1.30; Superior, C.E., 2; W. Superior, 11, 45.17

CHICAGO.—Austin, 1st, 17.62; Chicago, Anon., 9.35; Belden Av. Ch., 19.14; Bethlehem Chapel, 3.75; Calvary Ch., 5.80; Central Pk., 8; Ch. of the Covenant, 9, C.E., 15; 1st, Helpful Workers, 2.50; 2d, 18.25; 4th, 180.30, C.E., 79; 6th, 16; 8th, C.E., 15; Endeavor Ch., 5; Englewood, 1st, 10; 41st St. Ch., 13.75; Millard Ave. Ch., 5; Normal Pk., 4; Onward Ch., C.E., 4; Ridgeway Av. Ch., 50 cts.; South Pk., 2.90; Evanston, 1st, 137.50, C.E., 25, Noyes Circle, 31.25; Homewood, 1.50; Joliet, Central Ch., 37.20; Kankakee, 18.60; Lake Forest, 42.60; Steady Streams, 6.40; Manteno, 18; Morgan Pk., C.E., 5; Ravenswood, 9, 775.91

CORNING.—Bedford, 47.25; Corning, 6.50; Emerson, 4; Essex, 8.90; Lenox, 3.75; Malvern, 17.50; Mt. Ayr, 60 cts.; Platte Center, 5; Red Oak, 8, C.E., 30, Inter, C.E., 11.87, Jr. C.E., 5.30; Shenandoah, 8.80; Yorktown, 3, 160.47

COUNCIL BLUFFS.—Audubon, Mrs. Lois G. Stewart, 25; Carson, 3; Guthrie Center, 7; Missouri Valley, Mrs. J. J. Amen, 5, 40.00

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—Attica, 22.35; Crawfordsville, 1st, 2; N. Lexington Ch., 5; Dayton, 25; Delphi, 22.50, Mrs. C. J. Bowen, 40; Frankfort, 13.91, Jrs., 2.62; Ladoga, 2; Lafayette, 1st, 14.50, C.E., 10; Spring Grove, 4.70; Lebanon, 8; Bethany Ch., 7.80; Newtown, 10; Rockville, *7.10; Thorntown, 10; Waveland, 6.25; Williamsport, 13.65, 227.38

DENVER.—Denver, Central Ch., 60.25; 1st Av. Ch., 11, C.E., 10.65, Little Woman's Bd., 6; Highland Pk., 3.89; Hyde Pk., 5, C.E., 4.50; North Ch., 16; S. Broadway Ch., 3; 23d Av. Ch., 10, C.E., 15.95; Westm'r Ch., 7.50, C.E., 1.25; York St. Ch., C.E., 2.50, 157.49

DETROIT.—Detroit, Mrs. Robert Taylor, 10.00

DUBUQUE.—Coggon, Zion Ch., 2.50; Dubuque, 1st, 2.64; 2d, 24.31; Hazleton, 6.12; Hopkinton, 21.70; Independence, 1st, 32; German Ch., 7.85; Jesup, 9.20; Lansing, 1; Manchester, 4; Oelwein, 9; Otterville, 2.94; Walker, Cono Center Ch., 2.50; West Union, 5; Winthrop, Pine Cr. Ch., 8.35; Unity Ch., 3.75, 142.86

FARGO.—Fargo, 13.55; Jamestown, 20.50; Lisbon, 4.80; Watson, 1, 39.85

FLINT.—Caro, 18; Fenton, 2.67, C.E., 2.28; Flint, 8.50; Lapeer, 22.83, C.E., 4; Marlette, 1st, 4; 2d, 4; Morrice, 4; Vassar, 6, C.E., 4, 80.28

FT. DODGE.—Algona, 5; Armstrong, 4.50; Boone, 10; Burt, 5; Carroll, 5, C.E., 9.70; Estherville, 5; Fort Dodge, 15, Jr. C.E., 15; Germania, 5; Glidden, 34.56; Grand Junction, 5; Lake City, 22, Jr. C. E., 1.94; Livermore, 5; Lohrville, 6.96; Pocahontas, 10; Pomeroy, 15.50; Rockwell City, 24, C.E., 6; Rolfe, Jr. C.E., 4.85; Spirit Lake, 12, C.E., 5, 232.01

FT. WAYNE.—Bluffton, 10; Ft. Wayne, 1st, 28.75; Westm'r. Ch., 7.20, C.E., 2.18; 3d, C.E., 8.50; Bethany Ch., 4.60, Y. L. B., 3.40, Girls' Bd., 97 cts.; Goshen, 8.50, Y.W.S., 8.50; Kendallville, 6.35; Lima, 4; Ossian, 2.60; Warsaw, 5, 100.55

FREEPORT.—Argyle, Willow Creek Ch., 30; Freeport, 2d, 9; Harvard, 7.40; Hebron, 8.44; Rockford, 1st, 50, 104.84

GREAT FALLS.—Great Falls, 13.70, C.E., 12.35, Jr. C.E., 5, 31.05

GUNNISON—Glenwood Springs, 12; Grand Junction, 3; Gunnison, C.E., 5; Leadville, 8, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 2.50; Ouray, 4; Salida, 2.70, C.E., 2, 44.20

HASTINGS.—Edgar, 5.20; Hastings, 5.40; Holdredge, 9.50; Nelson, 4.18; Superior, 50 cts., 24.78

HELENA.—Boulder, 4.50; Bozeman, 4.97; Helena, 3.75, 13.22

INDIANAPOLIS.—Bloomington, 6.75; Columbus, 31; Franklin, 37.50; Greencastle, 5; Hopewell Ch., 21.10; Indianapolis, 1st, 91.10, Grettie Holliday Bd., 6.25; 2d, Jo Gakko, 10.75; 4th, 12.45; 6th, 2.20; 7th, 14.62, C.E., 15; Mem'l Ch., 37.50, King's Daughters, 7.50, C.E., 3.80; Olive St. Ch., 2.50; Tabernacle Ch., 66.31; Spencer, 5, Bd., 1.31; Southport, 5, 382.64

IOWA.—Bloomfield, C.E., 1.98, Jr. C.E., 1.32; Burlington, 17.24, King's Children, 7.16; Fairfield, 32, Gleaners, 2.80, C. E., 22.50; Ft. Madison, C.E., 5.10; Keokuk, Westm'r Ch., 18, Golden Rule Bd., 85 cts.; Martinsburg, 3; Mediapolis, 10; Kossuth, C.E., 3.68; Morning Sun, 5, C.E., 4; Mt. Pleasant, 14.10, C.E., 2.50; Ottumwa, 10; East End Ch., 6; Salina, 2; Winfield, 14.60; West Point, C.E., 2, 185.83

IOWA CITY.—Atalissa, 3; Brooklyn, 4.50; Columbus Junction, 10; Davenport, 1st, Y.P.S., 35, C.E., 5; 2d, 2.50; Deep River, C.E., 3; Iowa City, 21.25; Scott Ch., 4.50; Unity Ch., 3.75; Keota, 5; Malcom, 5; Montezuma, 17.50; Muscatine, Miss Robertson, Th. off., 5, C.E., 5; Summit, C.E., 6.25; Tipton, C.E., 5; Red Oak Grove, 2.50; Washington, 10, C. E., 10, Jr. C.E., 5; W. Liberty, 11.37; What Cheer, 2; Williamsburg, 5, C.E., 5; Wilton Junction, C.E., 5, 197.12

KALAMAZOO.—Allegan, 1.05; Benton Harbor, 4.42; Edwardsburg, 65 cts., C.E., 1.06; Kalamazoo, 1st, 8.25; Martin, 1.50; Niles, 2.50; Paw Paw, 1.90; Plainwell, 5, C.E., 5; Richland, 3.80; Schoolcraft, 2.82; Sturgis, 1.90, C.E., 3.59; Three Rivers, 7.50, 50.94

KEARNEY.—Central City, 4, C.E., 12.50; Fullerton, 5, C. E., 2.02; Gibbon, 3.60; Grand Island, 7; Lexington, 5.20, C. E., 5; Litchfield, 1.78; North Loup, C.E., 2; N. Platte, 9.25; Ord, 4.60, C.E., 2; Wilson Mem'l Ch., 3.20, C.E., 2.56; St. Paul, 3.50; Shelton, 4.80, C.E., 5, 83.01

LA CROSSE.—La Crosse, 4.35; New Amsterdam, 5, 9.35

LAKE SUPERIOR.—Escanaba, 9; Iron Mountain, 5; Ishpeming, 7.12; Manistique, 20, C.E., 20; Menominee, 15; Sault Ste. Marie, 30, C.E., 5, 111.12

LANSING.—Albion, 37.28; Concord, 3, C.E., 2; Dimondale, 3; Homer, 2.71; Jackson, 8; Marshall, 6.75; Mason, 4, 66.74

LOGANSPORT.—Bourbon, 1.25; Brookston, 2; Buffalo, 1; Concord, 2.15; Crown Point, 9; Hammond, 5.50; Kentland, 13.25; La Porte, 19.40; Lowell, Lake Prairie Ch., 3.10; Logansport, Broadway Ch., 15, Mrs. Isaac N. Crawford, 7.50; Metea, Bethlehem Ch., 2; Michigan City, 8.49; Mishawaka, 10; Plymouth, 1.54; Remington, 2.42, C.E., 7.50; Rochester, 2.75; S. Bend, 13.25; Westm'r Ch., 2.50; Valparaiso, C.E., 3, 132.60

MADISON.—Baraboo, 1st, 7; Beloit, 8.80; Kilbourn, 3.25; Madison, 15; Portage, 3; Poynette, 11; Reedsburg, 5; Richland Center, 2, 55.05

MANKATO.—Alpha, 2.50; Amboy, C.E., 5.36; Blue Earth City, 11.70; Butterfield, 1; Delhi, 7.50; Jackson, 6.50; Kasota, 7.10; Le Sueur, 6.50; Luverne, 9.74; Mankato, 14.10, C.E., 25; Marshall, 9.33; Morgan, 3.45, C.E., 2; Pipestone, 15; Rushmore, Little Light Bearers, 5; Slayton, 3.80; St. Peter, 3.55; Winnebago City, 18.55; Worthington, 14.90, 172.58

MINNEAPOLIS.—Howard Lake, C.E., 5; Maple Plain, 3; Minneapolis, Andrew Ch., 27; Bethlehem Ch., 50, C.E., 25; 5th, 10.08, Wide Awake, 1.30; 1st, 15, Y.W.S., 12, Inter. C.E., 50 cts., Jr. C.E., 50 cts.; Grace Ch., 10; Highland Pk., 15.92, Sunshine Bd., 1.38, C.E., 10; House of Faith Ch., 8; Oliver Ch., 7.85; Stewart Mem'l Ch., 19.10; Westm'r Ch., 143.75, *20; Oak Grove Ch., 10, C.E., 7.50; Waverly, 3, 405.88

MONROE.—Dover Ch., 1.73; Hillsdale, 10; Jonesville, 10; Monroe, 12.50, C.E., 4; Reading, 5; Tecumseh, Circle, 15, C.E., 4.30, 62.53

MUNCIE.—Alexandria, 5; Anderson, 27; Center Grove, C. E., 6; Elwood, 12; Hartford City, 6.23; Gas City, 4.50; La Gro, 1.50; Marion, 22.50; Montpelier, 5; Noblesville, 7; Peru, 40; Portland, 3; Tipton, 5; Wabash, 40; Winchester, 6.50, 191.23

NEBRASKA CITY.—Auburn, 8.40; Beatrice, 1st, 24, C.E., 4; Blue Springs, 2.10; Fairbury, 5.32; Falls City, 72 cts., C.E., 1.55; Hickman, 10; Lincoln, 1st, 31.14, C.E., 17; 2d, 11.28, C.E., 4.25; Nebraska City, 4.40; Palmyra, 5.32; Pawnee, 14, C.E., 5; Plattsmouth, 14.64; Seward, 3.40; Tecumseh, 5.20; York, 4, C.E., 10, 185.72

NEW ALBANY.—Bedford, 3.50; Brownstown, 3; Charlestown, 4; —, 4; Corydon, 3.65; Hanover, 7.20; Jay, Pleasant Ch., 2; Jeffersonville, 7, C.E., 10; Madison, 1st, 9, Y.L.B., 10, C.E., 5; Mitchell, 6; New Albany, 1st, 18.31; 2d, 17.50; 3d, 14.60; North Vernon, 9.25; Orleans, 5.20; Paoli, 6, C.E., 65 cts.; Seymour, L.M.C., 10; Valley City, 2; Vernon, 4.55; Vevay, 4.63, 167.04

NIOBRARA.—Coleridge, 9.40, C.E., 11; Hartington, 10; Laurel, 8, C.E., 2.48; O'Neil, C.E., 3.35; Pender, 5.54, C.E., 4.50; Ponca, 8, C.E., 4; Randolph, C.E., 2.40; Wakefield, 10; Wayne, 12, C.E., 5; Winnebago, 8, C.E., 2, 105.67

OTTAWA.—Aurora, 4, C.E., 16; Mendota, 14.75, Baby Bd., 2; Oswego, 5; Ottawa, 5; Utica, Waltham Ch., 7.50, 54.25

PEMBINA.—Cavalier, 1; Pembina, 7, 8.00

PEORIA.—Green Valley, 3; Peoria, Grace Ch., 43, 46.00

PETOSKEY.—Boyne City, 50 cts.; Cadillac, 13.25; E. Jordan, 8; Harbor Springs, 14.25; Lake City, 18; Mackinaw City, 5; Petoskey, 37; Traverse City, 15, 111.00

RED RIVER.—Maine, 5; Western, 2.80, 7.80

ROCK RIVER.—Aledo, 17.25; Peniel Ch., 4.14; Norwood Ch., 4; Dixon, 4.25, C.E., 5; Edgington, 17; Erie, Newton Ch., 16.50; Garden Plain, 3, C.E., 12.50, Jr. C.E., 12.15; Geneseo, 2.86; Morrison, 3.54; Princeton, 8.10; Rock Island, Central Ch., 6; Broadway Ch., 17.50, Ruth's Bd., 12.50; Seaton, Center Ch., 4; Ustick, Spring Valley Ch., 4.85; Viola, 1.90; Woodhull, 18.28, 175.32

ST. PAUL.—Goodhue, 5; Rush City, 7; St. Paul, Central Ch., 10.56; Dayton Ave. Ch., 138.49, C.E., 24.25; East Ch., 10.51; 1st, 20; Goodrich Ave. Ch., 5; House of Hope Ch., 30; Macalester, 8.50; Merriam Pk., 8.75, Wayside Gleaners, 63 cts.; Westm'r Ch., 7.63; St. Paul Pk., 2.50; White Bear Lake, 2; Children of Presbytery, 4.50, 285.32

SCHUYLER.—Brooklyn, C.E., 2.50; Bushnell, 12.35; Camp Point, C.E., 5; Elvaston, 7; Fargo, 3.50; Fountain Green, 8; Hersman, 7.48, C.E., 40; Kirkwood, C.E., 25; Macomb, 11.50; Mt. Sterling, 29.13; Niota, Appanoose Ch., 8; Perry, 6.90; Rushville, C.E., 25; Wythe Ch., 22.70, C.E., 15, 229.06

SPRINGFIELD.—Petersburg, Bequest of Miss Eliza Frackelton, 150.00

SIOUX CITY.—Alta, 1.05, C.E., 2.30; Cherokee, 25, C.E.,

30; Cleghorn, 5, C.E., 5; Denison, 2; Early, 6; Ida Grove, 10; Inwood, 4; Ireton, C.E., 2.50; Lawton, 2; Le Mars, C.E., 5; Union Tp. Ch., 4, C.E., 4 50; Marcus, Mt. Pleasant Ch., 7, C.E., 6; Odebolt, 2; Paullina, 23.50; Sac City, 5; Schaller, 5.52; Sioux City, 1st, 5.35, Nodoa Bd., 8, C.E., 10; 2d, 2.50, C.E., 3.25; 3d, 7; 4th, 5.10; Morningside, 1.22; Storm Lake, 27, Mrs. D. Williams, "D. Addison Williams Mem'l," 5; Pilgrim Ch., 6.52; Wall Lake, C.E., 1.25, 239.56

VINCENNES.—Evansville, Grace Ch., 9.30; Parke Mem'l Ch., 4; Farmersburg, 3; Petersburg, 1, Jr. C.E., 50 cts., Little Light Bearers, 30 cts.; Princeton, 5.90; Rockport, 2.55; Terre Haute, Central Ch., 7; Washington Ave. Ch., 6 65; Vincennes, 12.20; Indiana Ch., 4.76; Royal Oak Ch., 2.06; Upper Indiana Ch., 8.25; Washington, 3.15, 70.62

WATERLOO.—Ackley, 30.33; Aplington, 2; Cedar Falls, 6.60; Conrad, 3.25; Eden, German Ch., 5; Greene, 5.50; Grundy Center, 7.40; Janesville, 6; La Porte City, 15.25; Marshalltown, 10; Morrison, 3; Salem, 24.10; Traer, Tranquillity Ch., 10.30; Unity Ch., 3.50; Waterloo, 37.50; Williams, 2.40; Presbyterial Off., 25, 197.13

WINNEBAGO.—Merrill, 2.50; Oconto, 31; Omro, 1.84, 35.34

WYOMING.—Cheyenne, 15; Laramie, 7.50, 22.50

MISCELLANEOUS.—Sale of Curio, 2; Synodical Societies, Montana, 10; Michigan, 10; Nebraska, 10, 32.00

Total for month,	$7,202.94
Total receipts since April 20,	24,088.67

MRS. C. B. FARWELL, *Treas.*,
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CHICAGO, Oct. 20, 1903.

Receipts of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church for Oct., 1903.

* Indicates Summer Offering.

BOSTON.—Boston, 1st, *39; Roxbury, *3,50; Providence, 1st, *7, $49.50

BROOKLYN.—Brooklyn, Ainslie St., 35, *10.13; Bedford, *31; 1st, 14, *34; City Park Branch, 7.23, *2.75, Cheerful Givers, 10, C.E., 3.04; Irving Square, *2.15; Memorial, 25.72, *7.30; Noble St., *7; Ross St., 9.33. C.E., 100; Throop Ave., 75, *30; Throop Ave. Mission. C.E., 6; Westminster, 7.23; Stapleton, 1st, Edgewater, 17.50. *41 75, 476.13

BUFFALO.—Buffalo, Bethany, 18 45; Central, 50; Covenant, C.E., 3; 1st, *5.62; Lafayette Ave., 14.75, *7.50; North, 39.75; Fredonia, 4, *8.25; Ripley, Mrs. H. F. Gardner, 5; Silver Creek, 10.61; A Friend, 135, 301.93

CAYUGA.—Auburn, Calvary, *7; Central, *5.50; 1st, *85; 2d, *13.08; Westminster, *4.63, A Friend, *25; Aurora, *20.85; Cayuga, 4; Genoa, 2.1, *4.85; Ithaca, *43.10; King's Ferry, *9; Port Byron, *3; Sennett, 10; Union Springs, 3; Weedsport, *13.42, 226.68

CHEMUNG.—Big Flats, 15; Burdett, 10, *10; Dundee, 5, *1.32; Elmira, 1st, 15.70, *9.90; Lake St., 40, *12; North, 4, *4; Hector, 7, *1; Mecklenburg, 14, *3.40; Monterey, 5; Montour Falls, 4, *5; Moreland, 4.50; Sugar Hill, 5; Watkins, 16.25. *8 46, 200.53

EBENEZER, KY.—Dayton, 1st, 10, *8; Lexington, 2d. 50, C.E., 5; Ludlow, 5; Maysville, 27, C.E., 10, 115.00

GENEVA.—Canandaigua, *2; Dresden, *1; Naples, *2; Seneca, *12 65; West Fayette, *2.50; Miscellaneous, 1, 21.15

HUDSON.—Chester, *10.70; Circleville, 2, *9; Cochecton, 5; Florida, Y.L.M.S., 50, *2.40; Goodwill, 25, *8; Haverstraw, Central, *8; Hopewell, 23.20, *1.80; Middletown, 1st, *5,10; 2d, *11.70; Monroe, *2.25. Jr. C.E., 5; Nyack, 15; Port Jervis, *13.78; Ramapo, 11.10; Westtown, 9, 218.03

LONG ISLAND.—Amagansett, 8.44, *8; Springs, C.E., 5; Bridgehampton, 84.32, *26 50, C.E., 5; Brookfield (Manorville P. O.), *2.50; Centre Moriches, 2.89, *10.50; Cutchogue, 20, *8, M. Bd., 15; East Hampton, C.E., 20; East Moriches, *5; Franklinville (Laurel P. O.), 5.37, *2 35, C.E., 5.25; Greenport, *36 75; Mattituck, *5.65; Middletown (Middle Island P. O.), 4.67; Ridge, 6, *5, C.E., 2 50; Port Jefferson, C.E., 6.49; Remsenburg, 3; Sag Harbor, *7.34; Setauket, *5.75; Shelter Island, *13.60; Southampton, 104.65, *45.40, C.E., 6.35; South Haven (Brookhaven P. O.), *6, C.E., 1; Southold, 27, *1.35; Westhampton (Quogue P. O.), 18; Yaphank, 90 cts., *4. C.E., 2.42, 547.94

NASSAU.—Astoria, 10.50, Jr. C.E., 1; Babylon, 10; Far Rockaway, *5; Freeport, 10; Glen Cove, *5; Hempstead, C.E., 3.50; Jamaica, 19.50, *4.85 add'l; Roslyn, 3.50; Smithtown, *3; Presbyterial Soc., Rev. A. B. Churchman, 5, 80.85

NEW YORK.—New York, Bethany, C.E., 33; Central, *33; Covenant, *5; Faith, *20, Jr. C.E., 5; 5th Ave., *255, Y.W.S., 145; Lenox, C.E., 50; Park, 67.50, Y.W.S., 67.50; Scotch, C.E., 10; Throgg's Neck, C.E., 5; University Place, *44.39; Washington Heights, 30, 770.39

NIAGARA.—Barre Centre, 2.51, *2.70, M. Bd., 2, C.E., 2.50; Carlton, 3.50, *7; Knowlesville, *7; Lockport, 1st, *12.50; 2d, 2.50, *3, C.E., 2; Mapleton, 2; Middleport, *3.60; Niagara Falls, Pierce Ave., 5.50, *2.50; North Tonawanda, 12.93, *8, C.E., 15; Somerset, 10, *1.50; Wilson, 3.75, *6, Jr. C.E., 6; Wright's Corners, *7.80, 131.79

NORTH RIVER.—Poughkeepsie, 1st, C.E., 200.00

OTSEGO.—Cherry Valley, 10; Delhi, 2d, 12; Guilford Centre, 4; Oneonta, 3.75; Unadilla, 2.50, 52.25

ROCHESTER.—Avon, Central, *2; Danville, *2.25; Fowlerville, C.E., 5.35; Geneseo, Frances Lauderdale's Bequest, 40; Mt. Morris, 2.50, *5; Rochester, Central, 100, *4.65, Y.W.M.S., *3.55; Emmanuel, *4.37; St. Peter's, *3.29; 3d, 15.25, *3.06, Y.W.M.S., *1.80; Westminster, 10, *5; Tuscarora, *1, 209.07

ST. LAWRENCE.—Carthage, *5; Gouverneur, *135; Morristown, *4.20; Ox Bow, *2; Waddington, Scotch, *13, 159.20

SYRACUSE.—Amboy, 5.32; Canastota, *6; East Syracuse, 1, *12.50; Fayetteville, C.E., 5; Hannibal, 3.06, *1.77, C.E., 4; Liverpool, *1.21; Marcellus, 5, *2, Thorburn Circle, 4; Oswego, Grace, 12.50; Pompey, 6.50, *1.60; Skaneateles, *5.60; Syracuse, E. Genesee, *3; 1st, *46, C.E., 32.92; 4th, 40; South, 19.85, 173.29

WESTCHESTER.—Brewster, Southeast Centre, C.E., 4.70; Bridgeport, 1st, 20. *26.15; Carmel, Gilead, *12.50; Croton Falls, 2.50, *1.40; Dobbs Ferry, Greenburgh, 15; Harrison, 5. C.E., 5; Katonah. 5; New Haven, 10; New Rochelle, 1st, 23; North Ave., 23.75, *35; Ossining, *19.12; Peekskill, 1st, Jr. C.E., 2; Pelham Manor, Huguenot Memorial, 5, *6.25; Pound Ridge, 5, *2; Rye, 55.95; Scarborough, Shepard Memorial, 30; South Salem, 24.65; Stamford, 1st, *9.51; Thompsonville, 5; Yonkers, 1st, Mrs. Machin, 25; Immanuel, Little Light Bearers, 2.50, 380.98

MISCELLANEOUS.—Holderness, N. H., Light Bearers, 1.10; A Friend, *3; Miss Mary E. Sill, *10; Coll. Prayer-meeting, *sp.*, 14; *Interest* Riesch Fund, 50; Bonds, 83; Prem. on Bonds, 8.25, 169.35

Total,	$4,484.06
Total since April 1,	31,783.88

HENRIETTA W. HUBBARD, *Treas.*,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest for the month ending Oct. 24, 1903.

HANNIBAL.—Brookfield, 4; Edina, 5.13; Hannibal, 17.40, C.E., 12. Jr. C.E., 7; Macon, 4.20; Moberly, 6.64; New Cambria, 3.87; New Providence, 3, $63.24

KANSAS CITY.—Creighton, 5; Holden, 3.15, C.E., 5.43; Independence, 22 50, Children's Bd., 6.25; Jefferson City, 3 60; Kansas City, 24, 64.80; 4th, 10; 5th, 4.78; Linwood, 5.60; Osceola, 4.23; Raymore, 1 65; Rich Hill, 2.50; Sedalia, Broadway, 3.90; Central, 4.40, C.E., 10; Sharon, 3.65; Vista, 2.30, 163.74

LARNED.—Arlington, C.E., 2; Garden City, 8 05, C.E., 2 55; Halstead, 4 16; Hutchinson, 5; Lakin, 1 50; Larned, 2.70; Liberal, 1.25; Lyons, 5; McPherson, 3.90, C.E., 10; Ness City, 1.05; Spearville, 1.90; Sterling, 1.70, Y.L.S., 2.50, 53.26

NEOSHO.—Bartlett, 1.50. Willing Workers, 65 cts.; Columbus, 1.75, C.E., 2 50; Cherryvale. 5; Chetopa, 6; Ft. Scott, C.E., 9; Garnett. 3.75; Iola, 7.75; Osawotamie, 4.25; Oswego, 3.50; Ottawa, C.E., 6.25; Paola, 10; Princeton, 5; Richmond, C.E., 40, 106.90

OSBORNE.—Colby, 2; Hays, 3 40; Natoma, 1; Norton, 1; Osborne, 6.25; Phillipsburg 4; Russel, 3.20; Smith Centre, 3.45; Tully, 1.50; Wa Keeny, 5.65. 31.45

OZARK.—Ash Grove, 2.75; Bolivar, 3, C.E., 1.35 Jr. C.E., 1; Carthage, 1st, 2, Y.W.M S , 25; Fair Play, 1; Greenfield, 5; Joplin, 1st, 5 13; Bethany, 4 05; Mt. Vernon, 3.25; Neosho, 6, C.E., 5.50; Ozark Prairie, 60 cts.; Springfield, Cal., 11.70, Monday League, 10.15; 2d, 4.79, C.E., 3; West Plains, 4.20; Webb City. 1.25, 101.32

PLATTE.—Avalon, 5; Cameron, 2.30; Chillicothe, 2.50, Jr. C.E., 10; Grant City, 5.50; Hamilton, 6.80; King City, 1.50; Maitland, 2, Miss. Bd., 1; Maryville, 7 20; Mound City, 2.50; New Hampton, Bd., 9; Oregon, 2.70; Parkville, 20.52, Busy B's, 3; Stanberry, 7.20; St. Joseph, Hope, 5; 3d St., 4.50; Tarkio, 6.50, C.E., 5.25; Trenton, 2.50; Weston, 4.50, 116.97

SANTA FÉ.—Raton, 1st, 7; Santa Fé, 2.25, 9.25

SOLOMON.—Abilene, 3.80; Belleville, 3; Bennington, 2.78; Caledonia, 2.48; Concordia, 5.55; Culver, 1.35; Clyde, 2; Delphos, 3; Ellsworth, 2; Lincoln, 8.25, C.E., 3.98; Mt. Pleasant, 3.63; Poheta, 5; Solomon, 6.25, 53.07

TOPEKA.—Auburn, 5; Edgerton, 3; Clay Centre, 15; Junction City, 5; Kansas City, 1st, 5; Manhattan, 8.50; Oakland, C.E., 5 50; Olathe, 5; Oskaloosa, 3.66; Riley, C.E., 6; Rossville, 5; Stanley, 5.07; Topeka, 1st, 50, C.E., 12.98; 3d, 3, C. E., 10; Westm'r, 4; Vinland, 2.90; Wamego, C.E., 15, 169.61

TRINITY.—Albany, Matthews Mem'l, 18.00

MISCELLANEOUS.—Interest on Deposits, 12.79

Total for month,	$899.60
Total to date,	5,269.00

MRS. WILLIAM BURG, *Treas.*,
Oct. 24, 1903. 1756 Missouri Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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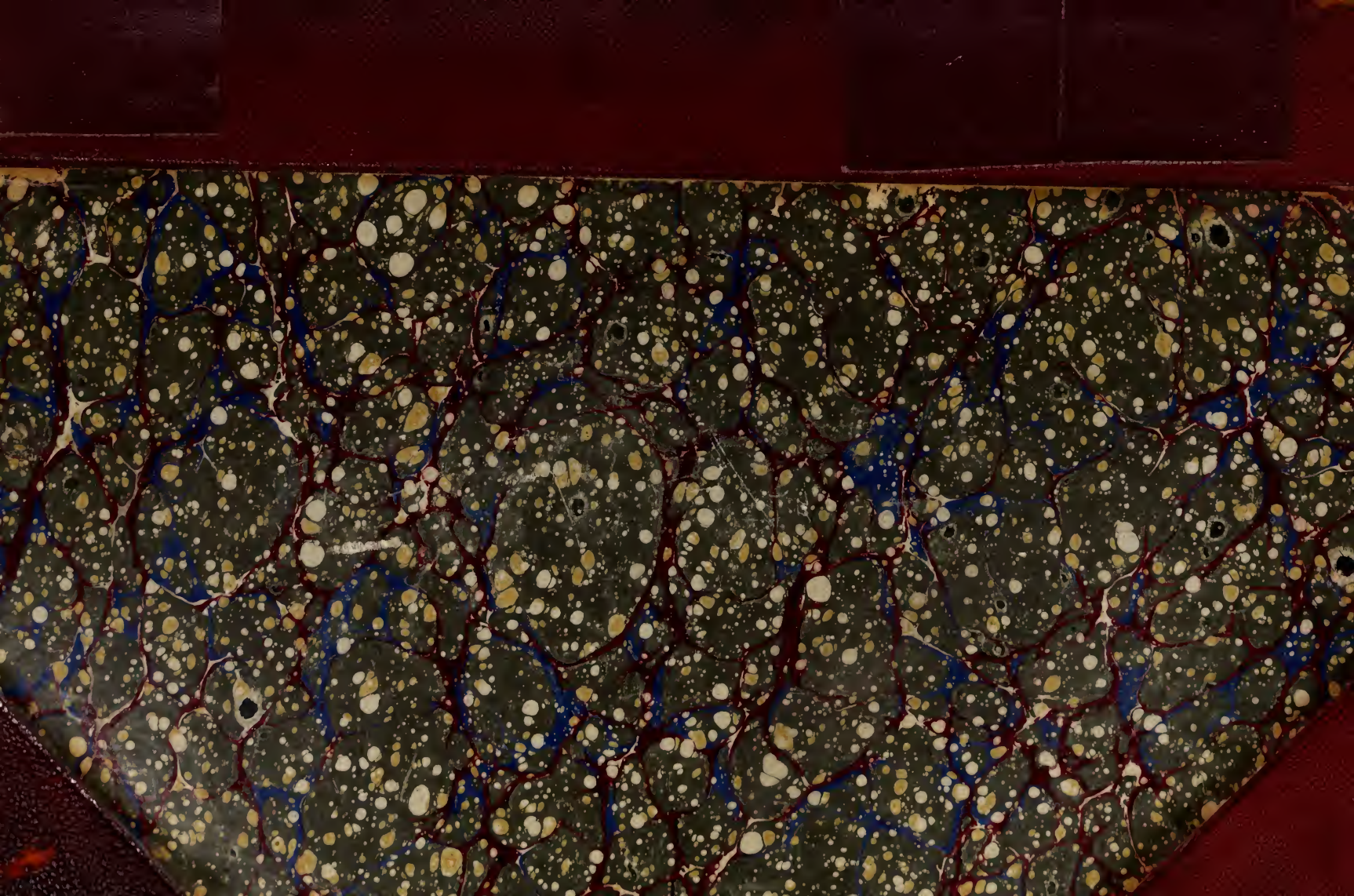
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